



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Diocese of Central Pennsylvania

Application for Remarriage When a Former Spouse is Living

*This form is to be completed and sent to the Bishop by the member of the Clergy who desires to solemnize the marriage of the Petitioner. The Bishop is to be allowed **30 days** in which to reply and the marriage cannot be scheduled until his written approval is received.*

I hereby certify that I have investigated the original document(s) of the divorce decree(s) and find it (them) to be both legal and final, and that in my judgment concerning the previous marriage(s), no marriage bond, as it is recognized by the Church now exists. Furthermore, I have examined, counseled and instructed the parties in the nature, meaning and purpose of Holy Matrimony and in all other ways have conformed to Title I, Canons 18 and 19 of the Episcopal Church.

Therefore, being convinced the parties understand that "the union of husband and wife, in heart, body and mind, is intended by God for their mutual joy; for the help and comfort given one another in prosperity and adversity, and when it is God's will, for the procreation of children and their nurture in the knowledge and love of the Lord," and that the parties will do their utmost to maintain this sacred relationship and "to seek God's help thereto". I seek your permission to solemnize the marriage between the parties named herein.

Clergy Signature

Date

Parish

*In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen
Declaration of Intention*

We, _____ and _____

Desiring to receive the blessing of Holy Matrimony in the Church, do solemnly declare that we hold marriage to be a lifelong union of husband and wife as it is set forth in the liturgical forms authorized by this Church. We believe it for the purpose of mutual fellowship, encouragement, and understanding, for the procreation (if it may be) of children, and their physical and spiritual nurture, and for the safeguarding and benefit of society, and we do engage ourselves, so far as in us here, to make our utmost effort to establish this relationship and to seek God's help thereto.

Signature of Groom

Signature of Bride (Maiden Name)

Date: _____ AD _____

The intended marriage is tentatively proposed for _____

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

The following is to be completed by the Bishop:

_____ Permission Granted

_____ Permission Denied

Bishop of Central Pennsylvania

Date

APPLICANT :

Name _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Religious Affiliation: _____

Parish: _____

Number of this marriage: _____

Date decree(s) became final: _____

Grounds for divorce with explanation (use additional sheet if necessary): _____

INTENDED SPOUSE

Name _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Religious Affiliation: _____

Parish: _____

Number of this marriage: _____

Date decree(s) became final: _____

Grounds for divorce with explanation (use additional sheet if necessary): _____

If the petitioner is not a member of your parish, please state the reasons you desire to solemnize the marriage (use additional sheet if necessary).

