

APPLICATIONS FOR REMARRIAGE

Use the following documents for applications to the Bishop for consent for remarriage. The priest completes the first, two-page section. The marriage applicant completes the separate one-page section.

These forms are to be filed with the bishop at least 30 days prior to the wedding date.

Include a cover letter for any further relevant information.

Please keep these originals to make additional copies.

Diocese of South Carolina

Please make additional copies of this form for your needs.

*Application for re-marriage in the church after divorce, in conformity with Title I, Canon 19.
Instructions:*

- 1. Use the following document for application to the Bishop for consent for remarriage.*
- 2. The priest should include a cover letter with pertinent details.*
- 3. The priest completes the first two-page section.*
- 4. Marriage applicant(s) complete(s) the separate one-page section.*
- 5. A copy of the divorce decree(s) must be included.*
- 6. A brief account of the marriage history (Item 10, page 3) must be included.*
- 7. A MINIMUM OF 30 DAYS IS REQUIRED FOR SUBMISSION TO THE BISHOP OF THIS INFORMATION FOR APPROVAL.*

Please do not send an incomplete application package. This will only caused approval delay.

The Proposed Marriage:

1. Parish and Address: _____
2. Cleric requesting consent: _____
3. Names of Applicants:
 - a. Man: _____ Age: _____
 - b. Woman: _____ Age: _____
4. Church Membership of Applicants:
 - a. Man's Denomination: _____ Parish: _____ Active? ____
City: _____
 - b. Woman's Denomination: _____ Parish: _____ Active? ____
City: _____
5. Which of the applicants have been married before? _____
6. Have they approached any other minister about this proposed marriage before coming to you? ____
If yes, give details: _____
7. Date of their first request to you to be married: _____

8. Date of proposed ceremony: _____

9. Date of the final decree in previous marriage(s): _____

10. Describe the nature of the pre-marital counseling you have done with the couple: _____

What opportunities for repentance from the failure of the previous marriage(s) have been included in this counseling? _____

In your opinion, is (are) the previous marriage(s) psychologically and practically ended? _____

11. What factors make you think the proposed marriage will be successful?

12. What problems do you foresee for this couple?

13. What do you think the divorced applicant (s) has (have) learned for the previous marriage(s) which will help the proposed marriage succeed?

14. Date of the proposed post-marital counseling with the applicants: _____

Please attach a copy of the summary of the final divorce decree. (You may want to see the complete court record to verify the facts).

CONSCIOUS OF MY RESPONSIBILITY UNDER THE CANON AND FOR THE CONTINUING PASTORAL CARE OF THIS COUPLE, I DO RECOMMEND AND REQUEST THAT YOU CONSENT THAT I MIGHT PERFORM THE MARRIAGE PROPOSED HEREIN.

Priest's Signature

The Previous Marriage

To be completed by the divorced person(s). One form per previous marriage.

1. Name of previous partner: _____
2. Your age and that of your previous partner at the time of the marriage:
Yours: _____ Partner's: _____
3. Date of previous marriage: _____ 4. Date of Divorce: _____
5. **Please attach a copy of the summary of the final court divorce decree.** The priest may want to see a copy of the court record, in order to verify the facts of the case.
6. Which party brought divorce proceedings? _____
7. On what grounds was the divorce obtained? _____
8. Were children born of the previous marriage? _____
 - a. How many? _____ Present ages? _____
 - b. Who has custody of the children and why? _____

9. Have you fulfilled all obligations to the previous marriage partner, providing for the well-being of your former spouse and any children? _____
 - a. Is there continuing financial obligation? _____
 - b. If yes, are there adequate resources to meet it as well as to care for the new family? _____
 - c. Are all parties aware of, and satisfied with, the financial arrangements? _____
10. Please attach a brief account of the marriage history, the circumstances leading to the divorce and how you have grown and matured from the experience.

Signature of the Applicant: _____ Date: _____