

HOLY MATRIMONY CONSENT FORMS

Office File # _____

**Diocese of Vermont
Diocesan Office, 5 Rock Point Road
Burlington, Vermont 05408**

Petition to the Bishop for consent to officiate at a marriage after divorce, annulment, or dissolution

Please complete and send to the Bishop's Office all three pages of this petition and the Bishop's Consent Form prior to confirming a date for the service of Holy Matrimony and at least 30 days before a proposed date (at least 60 days in the case of a third or subsequent marriage).

Petition submitted by:

The Rev. _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

_____ Tel: _____

To the Bishop:

I hereby petition for consent to officiate at the Marriage of [answer (a), and either (b) or (c)]

(a) Name _____

This will be the _____ (1st, 2nd, etc.) Marriage for _____
whose prior Marriage(s) or Civil Union(s) ended in divorce, annulment, or
was dissolved by a Civil Court on _____
month(s) and year(s)

and

(b) Name _____

This will be the _____ (1st, 2nd, etc.) Marriage for _____
whose prior Marriage(s) or Civil Union(s) ended in divorce, annulment, or
was dissolved by a Civil Court on _____
month(s) and year(s)

or

(c) Name _____
who was _____ not previously married or in a Civil Union or _____ is a
widow or widower.

Please circle "Yes" or "No" to every statement. Where "No" is indicated, an explanation must be attached.

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| Yes | No | 1. I met in person with both persons and they are engaged in preparation with me, or they have met in person with a priest/counselor of this Church satisfactory to me and I have received assurance from him or her that they have completed a program of preparation. |
| Yes | No | 2. Each person has signed the Declaration of Intention. |
| Yes | No | 3. At least one of the persons is baptized and involved in the life of the church. |
| Yes | No | 4. I inquired of the persons whether they have consulted any other priest of this Church regarding the proposed Marriage, and if they have, I have personally communicated with that priest prior to submitting this petition. |
| Yes | No | 5. I personally examined the final decree(s) of divorce, annulment, or dissolution and I certify that on the basis of my examination, the prior Marriage(s) or Civil Union(s) is/are lawfully dissolved. |
| Yes | No | 6. I believe these persons intend to establish a Christian Marriage. |
| Yes | No | 7. In the preparation sessions, the couple discussed their readiness for this Marriage. |
| Yes | No | 8. I believe that each person has realistically faced and evaluated the reasons for the dissolution of prior Marriage(s) or Civil Union(s). |
| Yes | No | 9. I believe that each person has an adequate continuing concern for any prior spouse(s) or partner(s) and for any children of their prior Marriage(s) or Civil Union(s). |
| Yes | No | 10. I believe that the couple (or at least one person with the support of the other) intends to live out their Marriage or Civil Union within a congregation of a Christian Church. |

Yes No 11. As far as I can determine, all matters of property and custody settlements resulting from dissolution of prior Marriage(s) or Civil Union(s) have been settled.

Yes No 12. This request for consent complies with the requirement for thirty days notice prior to the Marriage.

Yes No 13. I am willing to officiate at this Marriage.

If one or both persons have been divorced, had a Marriage annulled, or had a Civil Union dissolved more than once, I have:

Yes No Attached a letter explaining the matter and describing the process of preparation for this Marriage or Civil Union.

Yes No Attached a letter from a licensed therapist or have arranged for such a letter to be mailed directly to the Bishop.

Proposed date of this Marriage: _____

Proposed location: _____

Signature of clergy person submitting this petition

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**BISHOP'S CONSENT TO BE MARRIED BY A MINISTER OF
THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

Acting under the provisions of Title I, Canons 18 and 19, and to fulfill the requirements of Canon 19, Sec. 3. (c)., I hereby grant consent to the marriage of:

Name: _____

Address: _____

whose prior marriage (or Civil Union) was dissolved by a civil court, the final decree(s) having been entered on _____ [Month(s)/Year(s)]

and

Name: _____

Address: _____

(if applicable) whose prior marriage (or Civil Union) was dissolved by a civil court, the final decree(s) having been entered on _____ [Month(s)/Year(s)]

This signed Consent Certificate shall constitute permission for The Reverend _____ to officiate at the marriage of the above-named persons on _____.
Proposed Date

Date: _____
Bishop/Ecclesiastical Authority

Following the marriage, please complete and return the enclosed notification form (Minister's Marriage Report) to the Bishop's Office.

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TO: THE BISHOP

Episcopal Diocese of Vermont
Five Rock Point Road
Burlington, VT 05408-2735

MINISTER'S HOLY MATRIMONY REPORT

I hereby certify that, having received permission under Title I, Canon 19 of the
Canons of the Episcopal Church, I solemnized the marriage of

AND

IN

(Church or Other)

(Place)

in the Diocese of Vermont on the _____ day of _____ in the year _____.

OFFICIATING MINISTER/PRIEST

Address

Date

(Please complete this form and return to the Bishop's office immediately following the
liturgy.)