

# HOLY MATRIMONY CONSENT FORMS

Office File # \_\_\_\_\_

**Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota  
Diocesan Office, 3600 25th Street S  
Fargo, ND 58104**

## **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 \_\_\_\_\_ (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 \_\_\_\_\_ (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 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.

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

**FOR HOLY MATRIMONY**

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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 North Dakota  
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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 North Dakota 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.)