



Episcopal Diocese of Kansas

Application to the Bishop seeking consent for remarriage
Canonical Reference: Canons of the General Convention
Title I, Canons 18, 19

To be filled out by the priest asked to solemnize the marriage:

On _____ I received notice of the desire of this couple to
be married on _____.

* Party #1 _____

Date of Birth _____

Baptized ____ Denomination _____
yes no

Now an active participating member of a church? _____
yes no

Name of congregation _____ Place _____

If previously married: (Provide separate answers for each previous marriage) Date _____

_____ Place _____ Children by previous marriage? ____

_____ yes no

Ages _____

Date of divorce decree _____

I have received evidence of the divorce decree _____
Priest's initial

Does Party #1 have any obligations regarding the well-being of former spouse and children? .

_____ yes no

If yes, are they carrying out these responsibilities? _____
yes no

Do they plan to continue? _____
yes no

Any additional comments:

(Continued on the reverse side)

Party #2 _____

Date of Birth _____

Baptized _____ _____ Denomination _____
yes no

Now an active participating member of a church? _____
yes no

Name of congregation _____ Place _____

If previously married: (Provide separate answers for each previous marriage) Date _____

_____ Place _____

Children by previous marriage? _____
yes no

Ages _____

Date of divorce decree _____

I have received evidence of the divorce decree _____
Priest's initial

Do they have any obligations regarding the well-being of former spouse and children? _____
yes no

If yes, are they carrying out these responsibilities? _____
yes no

Do they plan to continue? _____
yes no

Any additional comments:

In your best judgment:

Do you think this couple intends a Christian marriage as it is described in the Canons and celebrated in the Rite of Marriage in the Book of Common Prayer (or other approved liturgy)? _____
yes no

Do you think that they are capable of carrying out this intention? _____
yes no

Have you instructed them, or ascertained that they have been instructed, regarding the nature, obligation, and purpose of Holy Matrimony? _____
yes no

Signed _____ Church _____ Date _____

When the Bishop writes a letter to the couple, what familiar names should be used?

Dear _____ and _____

To the couple seeking consent:

When two people come to the Church seeking its blessing at the celebration of their marriage, it is our understanding that they are then inviting the Church to be a participant in their marital union. Accepting this invitation, we seek to instruct them as to the nature, meaning, and purpose of Holy Matrimony as Christians understand it following the model given us by the relationship between Christ and His Church. Further, we offer, as a community of faith and love, to support them in their marriage in the years ahead.

Following the Canons of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, the priest who is to solemnize the marriage of a divorced person is required to consult with and obtain the consent of the Bishop of the Diocese prior to the wedding ceremony.

The purpose of this application is to ascertain the intention of the couple with regard to their relationship to the Church, that the Bishop might give consent in good conscience.

In consultation with the priest, please take time to fill out the following:

1. When relationships fail, the failure is rarely one-sided. Have you discussed with the priest and your fiancé (e) your part in the failure of your previous marriage(s)?

Party #1	_____	_____	_____	Party #2	_____	_____	_____
	yes	no	NA		yes	no	NA

As a couple, please describe what role you see the Church playing in your new relationship

As a couple, how do you plan to participate in the life of the Church?

Any additional comments:

The following form to be signed by both persons of the intended marriage:

We understand the teaching of the church that God's purpose for our marriage is for our mutual joy, for the help and comfort we will give to each other in prosperity and adversity, and, when it is God's will, for the gift and heritage of children and their nurture in the knowledge and love of God. We also understand that our marriage is to be unconditional, mutual, exclusive, faithful, and lifelong; and we engage to make the utmost effort to accept these gifts and fulfill these duties, with the help of God and the support of our community.

-Title I, Canon 18. Sec.4.

Signature_____

Signature _____