

**INFORMATION & PETITION
TO BE MARRIED IN THE CHURCH**

Use this form for those who have been previously married and whose former spouse is still living. A separate form is to be filled out by the priest for each person who has been divorced.

Petitioner's Full Legal Name _____

Full Legal Name of Intended Spouse _____

Petitioner's Present Age _____ Age of Petitioner's Intended Spouse _____

Date Petitioners made their intentions known to you _____ Date of intended marriage: _____

Petitioner's present status in the Church _____

Dates of ALL Previous Marriages _____

Dates and States of ALL Divorce Decrees _____

Do you have a Certified Copy of ALL Divorce Decrees in your file? _____

In an accompanying letter, explain the causes for the failure of the previous marriage(s), as determined through your counseling and your assessment of the probability of these problems recurring.

A letter is also required from the petitioner(s). (See The Customary of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth. Page 16.)

Was the Petitioner previously married in the Church and instructed in its teaching of marriage? _____

Have all obligations to former spouses and children been satisfied? _____

Can Petitioner continue to meet any obligations that still exist, and are both parties of this marriage willing to do so?

Have both parties been instructed in the Church's teaching on marriage? _____

Have you a signed Declaration of Intention for your file? _____

Do both parties freely and knowingly consent to this marriage without Fraud, Coercion, Mistake of Partner's Identity or Mental Reservation? _____

Have all other Canonical and civil requirements been met? _____

As a summation of your feelings, would you:

____ A. NOT CARE TO OFFICIATE AT THIS PROPOSED MARRIAGE? (I.18.4)?

____ B. GLADLY OFFICIATE AT THIS PROPOSED MARRIAGE?

____ C. OFFICIATE WITHOUT FEELINGS EITHER WAY?

Priest's signature _____

Date _____

Church _____

City _____

PETITION APPROVED _____

PETITION DISAPPROVED _____

DATE _____

BISHOP OF FORT WORTH