

DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA

Part I

Title 1, Canon 19

Certificate to be submitted with application from persons requesting permission to be married by a priest of the Episcopal Church when either party to the proposed marriage has been married previously to a person still living at the time of the application, such previous marriage having been annuled or dissolved by a civil court.

To The Bishop of Pennsylvania:

This certifies that I have known the applicant _____
for _____ years; and I am satisfied to the best of my knowledge that the information given in
the application is correct.

I have instructed the parties to the proposed marriage, or shall instruct them, in the teaching of
the Church in regard to the nature and meaning of Christian marriage; and it is my belief that
they have a true intention to be faithful to the Church's teaching as set forth in the Marriage
Service, the Church Canons, and in the statement required by General Convention as one to be
signed by the parties to every marriage. I have also instructed the parties, or shall instruct them,
that they are obligated to show continuing concern for the well-being of the former spouse and
any children of the prior marriage.

SIGNED: _____
(Rector, Vicar, Assistant, Priest-in-Charge, Other)

PARISH: _____

CITY: _____

DATE: _____



(ATTACH LETTER OF EVALUATION)

Part II

(Part II is to be supplied by each party whose previous marriage was dissolved by Court Order.)

1. Full name _____

2. Full name of former spouse _____

3. Address of former spouse (if known) _____
_____ Zip _____

4. Place of previous marriage _____

(city, state, name of church (if applicable))

5. By whom was the previous marriage solemnized? _____

6. The previous marriage was dissolved by a Civil Court action on _____ 19__

(A certified copy of the Court Decree must be filed with this application, and proof should be submitted, if not included in the Decree, that service of process was duly made upon the defendant.)

7. State the period or periods that you lived together as husband and wife

8. Give the names and ages of the children of the previous marriage and indicate in whose custody they are (if none, please so state) _____

9. Are you under a legal obligation to provide support for your former spouse? Yes__ No__
Children? Yes__ No__ If so, are you current in meeting that obligation? _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____
_____ Zip _____ Telephone (____) _____

Part III

(Part III is to be completed by the Applicant.)

1. Name of the person I now plan to marry _____

2. Age of this person _____

3. My age _____

4. The person I wish to marry (check one):

_____ Has never been married before _____ Is a Widow or Widower _____ Is Divorced

5. If you are widowed and have children from your previous marriage, please give their ages and state who assumes parental responsibility. _____

6. Are you and the person you plan to marry willing to show a continuing concern for the spouse and any children of any prior marriage? _____

7. I am a member of _____ Church

(street) (city) (state) (zip)

8. The person I wish to marry is a member of _____ Church

(street) (city) (state) (zip)

9. We desire to be married by the Reverend _____

in _____ Church, on _____ 19 _____

10. The church provides that all persons, prior to a contemplated marriage, should be instructed by their minister in the nature of Holy Matrimony. Have you and person you plan to marry been so instructed, or will you arrange for such instruction before you are married? _____

Date(s) of instruction sessions, past and future _____

(OVER)

The Church provides the following statement to be signed by the parties to every marriage. If you and the person you plan to marry are willing to sign this statement and seek to fulfill it to the best of your ability, please sign below.

"We, desiring to receive the blessing of Holy Matrimony in the Church, do solemnly declare that we hold marriage to be a life-long union of husband and wife as it is set forth in the Book of Common Prayer. We believe that the union of husband and wife, in heart, body, and mind, is intended by God for their mutual joy; for the help and comfort given one another in prosperity and adversity; and, when it is God's will, for the procreation of children and their nurture in the knowledge and love of the Lord. And we do engage ourselves, so far as in us lies, to make our utmost effort to establish this relationship and to seek God's help thereto."

11. I request your judgment and permission to be married by a minister of the Church.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

_____ Zip _____ Telephone (____) _____