

Petition to the Bishop of Fort Worth to be Married in the Church

For those who have been previously married and whose former spouse is still living. This petition must be with the Bishop at least 60 days prior to the tentative date of the wedding. No announcement of the marriage can be made until the consent of the Bishop is received.

1. Petitioner's Full Legal Name: _____.
2. Full Legal Name of Intended Spouse: _____.
3. Petitioner's Present Age: _____. Age of Petitioner's Intended Spouse: _____.
4. Date Petitioners made their intentions known to the Rector: _____.
5. Petitioners present status in the Church: Active Inactive Recent Transfer.
6. Date(s) of all previous marriages: _____.
7. Does the Parish Office have a certified copy of all Divorce Decrees on file? _____.

8. 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.

9. Was the Petitioner previously married in the Church and instructed in its teaching of marriage? _____.
10. Have all the obligations to the former spouse(s) and child(ren) been satisfied? _____.
11. Can Petitioner continue to meet any obligations that still exist, and are both parties seeking marriage willing to do so? _____.
12. Have both parties been instructed in the Church's teaching on Holy Matrimony? _____.
13. Date for pre-marital instruction: _____.
14. Have both parties been instructed in the meaning of the Declaration of Intention and have signed it? _____.
15. Do both parties freely and knowingly consent to this marriage without fraud, coercion, mistake of identity, or mental reservation? _____.

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16. Have all canonical and civil requirements been met? _____.

17. Rector's Signature: _____.

18. Bishop of Fort Worth: _____.

Petition Approved: _____.

Petition Disapproved: _____.

Date: _____.

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