



Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee

Marriage Judgment Petition

To request the bishop's approval to solemnize a re-marriage, please fill out this form, save it, and send it to info@diomil.org

Full name of clergy member submitting petition

Date of submission

Clergy email address

Clergy phone number

I petition for consent to solemnize the marriage of:
Eliminate b or c.

A. Name of spouse whose prior marriage
ended in divorce or annulment

and

B. Name of spouse whose prior marriage
ended in divorce or annulment

C. Name of spouse, if not above

Complete each question. For each "no" answer, provide an explanation in an attached document.

1. I have met in person with both parties and they are engaged in a program of pre-marital counseling satisfactory to me, or they have met in person with a priest of this church satisfactory to me and I have consulted that priest and am assured that they are engaged in a program of pre-marital counseling.

Yes

No

2. Each party has signed the Declaration of Intention.

Yes

No

3. At least one of the parties is baptized.

Yes

No

4. I have inquired of the parties where they have consulted any other priest of this church regarding the proposed marriage and if they have, I have personally consulted that priest prior to submitting this petition.

Yes

No

5. I have personally examined the final decree(s) of divorce or annulment and I certify that on the basis of my examination, the prior marriage(s) is(are) lawfully dissolved.

Yes

No

6. At least one calendar year has elapsed since the date(s) of the final divorce or annulment decree(s). Exceptions are possible, but only if a minimum of 18 months' uninterrupted separation has occurred.

Yes

No

7. All matters of property and custody have been settled from the spouses' previous marriage(s).

Yes

No

8. I believe these parties intend a true Christian marriage.

Yes

No

9. I have thoroughly discussed each party's personal readiness for marriage with them (or such a discussion has occurred in a counseling program satisfactory to me).

Yes

No

10. I believe each spouse has a realistically faced and evaluated the cause(s) of the deaths of the previous marriage(s).

Yes

No

11. I am satisfied that each party has an adequate continuing concern for the previous spouse(s) and any children.

Yes

No

12. I believe the marriage of this couple is likely to be a demonstrable sign of the spiritual union between Christ and his Church.

Yes

No

13. I am willing to solemnize the marriage, if consent is granted.

Yes

No

14. I am satisfied that the couple (or at least one party with the support of the other) intends to live out their marriage with the support of the Christian community as participants in some congregation of the church.

Yes

No

15. I have discussed with this couple, to the degree I believe to be appropriate, differences, if any, in age, income, religious discipline, patterns of conflict, and, especially for older couples with grown children, whether a written, pre-nuptial agreement on disposition of assets, property, or other estate planning would be appropriate for them to consider (or, such discussion of those issues has occurred in a counseling program satisfactory to me).

Yes

No

The following question is for situations where either or both parties has been divorced or had a marriage annulled more than once.

16. I have received from a professional counselor a statement concerning this couple and the statement is attached along with an explanatory letter from me.

Yes

No

Where questions 1-15 are answered "yes" and question 16 is not applicable, no additional material is required to accompany the petition.

I request consent of the Bishop for me to solemnize this marriage.

Signature of clergy person submitting petition