



TO THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF COLORADO  
APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION OF DIVORCED PERSONS TO REMARRY  
(Please print or type this information)

NAME OF APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME OF CLERGY \_\_\_\_\_  
PARISH/MISSION \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_

In order to comply with Title 1, Canon 19 of the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church permitting divorced persons to be remarried in the Episcopal Church, Bishop Robert J. O'Neill asks the following of the clergy and divorced couples seeking remarriage:

1. Permission from the Episcopal bishop of the diocese in which you live. This applies to non-Episcopalians as well as those who are members of the church.
2. That a minimum period of one year have elapsed since a Final Divorce Decree has been issued before the bishop will consider approval of remarriage in the church. Any exemption may be by written appeal to the bishop, but shall only be considered for unusual circumstances.
3. A copy of the signature page of the final decree must be returned with the answers to the following four questions from the applicant.

APPLICANT: Please give prayerful and careful response to these questions, which are designed to give insight into your former relationship and help identify any problems which may be prevented in the marriage you now contemplate. (Please answer on separate page.)

1. WHAT CAUSED THE DIVORCE? This should be stated from your point of view, ignoring any blaming of the other party. What did you contribute to the situation?
2. WHAT INSIGHTS DID YOU GAIN FROM THE DIVORCE? This question depends on your understanding your contribution to the breakup of your previous marriage. You might find useful an examination of any expectations, dreams or hopes which were frustrated in your previous marriage.
3. WHAT INSIGHTS AND STRENGTHS DO YOU BRING TO THIS NEW RELATIONSHIP? How does this new knowledge apply? What expectations do you have?
4. WHAT PART WILL THE CHURCH PLAY IN THE FUTURE MARITAL RELATIONSHIP? This question is crucial because the Episcopal Church holds sacred the institution of Christian marriage. You need to acquaint the bishop with your view of Christian marriage in contrast with a civil marriage. Since the wedding ceremony is only the beginning of a new life together, our desire is to help you establish a solid foundation for a happy and fulfilling life together.

BISHOP'S JUDGMENT:       Approved       Disapproved       Requests more information

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Bishop*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Canon to the Ordinary*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

(Complete section A and B on back of page as well.)

Anticipated Date of Remarriage: \_\_\_\_\_

A. TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT:

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of marriage: \_\_\_\_\_ Date divorce was final: \_\_\_\_\_

Were children born to the marriage? Y / N If so, how many (and ages)? \_\_\_\_\_

Where are the children now? \_\_\_\_\_

What provisions are made for their support? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your relationship with the Church? \_\_\_\_\_

What form of marital counseling was sought when the union was in crisis? If none, please state reason. \_\_\_\_\_

*If there has been more than one divorce, complete this information and answer the four applicant questions (on front of this form) for each divorce on a separate page.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of the Applicant* *Date*

B. TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CLERGY:

What counseling has taken place or will take place? \_\_\_\_\_

Is this person a member of your congregation? If not, of which congregation? \_\_\_\_\_

If not a member, why did the applicant seek you out? \_\_\_\_\_

Can you personally support this application? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Clergy* *Date*