APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION OF DIVORCED PERSONS TO REMARRY

Please allow 60 days for the Office of the Bishop to process the application and make a determination.

NAME OF APPLICANT __________________________________________ __________________________________________

NAME OF CLERGY __________________________________________ __________________________________________

PARISH/MISSION ______________________ CITY ______________________

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, the Bishop of the Diocese of Colorado asks the following of the clergy and divorced couples seeking remarriage:

1. The Member of the Clergy shall be satisfied by appropriate evidence that the prior marriage has been annulled or dissolved by a final judgment or decree of a civil court of competent jurisdiction. A copy of the divorce decree must be included in the packet to the Diocese.

2. The Member of the Clergy shall have instructed the parties that continuing concern must be shown for the well-being of the former spouse, and of any children of the prior marriage.

3. The Member of the Clergy shall consult with and obtain the consent of the Bishop of the Diocese wherein the Member of the Clergy is canonically resident or the Bishop of the Diocese in which the Member of the Clergy is licensed to officiate prior to, and shall report to that Bishop, the solemnization of any marriage under this Section.

4. If the proposed marriage is to be solemnized in a jurisdiction other than the one in which the consent has been given, the consent shall be affirmed by the Bishop of that jurisdiction.

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 a 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 allows you to share some thoughts on your contribution to the breakup of your previous marriage. It might be useful for you to examine 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’ll want 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.

Anticipated Date of Remarriage: __________________________________________ __________________________________________

BISHOP’S JUDGMENT: Approved Disapproved Requests more information

Bishop Signature __________________________________________

Canon to the Ordinary __________________________________________ Date ______________________

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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 children and their current 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

Please provide a cover letter that includes the following information.

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?

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Can you personally support this application?

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Clergy Signature ___________________________ Date ________________________