

8.2.4 Sample Form.....Marriage Consultation

REQUEST FOR CONSULTATION AND CONSENT (Title I Canon 19)

Dear Bishop _____:

I have been requested to solemnize the proposed marriage of _____, and _____.

They first indicated to me their intention of marrying on _____. The proposed date of the marriage is _____.

I submit the following information:

1) Which of the parties has been the spouse of another person *now living*?

2) Have you seen the decree(s) of divorce? _____

3) By what civil courts were they issued?

_____ date _____

_____ date _____

4) Have you instructed the parties concerning obligations to former spouse and children? _____

5) Have you complied with all conditions set forth in Title 1, 18? _____

6) Have you determined their conviction as to signing the Declaration of Intention? _____

7) Please attach your statement setting forth the basis of your pastoral judgement, including:

- evidence that the prior marriage(s) are terminated in every way.
- basis for expecting this marriage to succeed.
- relationship of these persons to the community of faith.
- evidence of their understanding of the sacramental nature of Christian marriage.
- extent to which you have (or plan to) counsel with these people.

8) Are you willing to solemnize this proposed marriage, if permission is given? _____

Faithfully, _____

Today's date: _____ Church where marriage will be recorded: _____

Instructions: This form must be in the Bishop's office 30 days prior to the proposed wedding date. If one of the persons having a former spouse still living is from another diocese, that person must petition, through a priest, the bishop of that diocese. Permission is given for the petitioning minister, or any minister of this diocese to solemnize the marriage. Permission can be given by the Bishop for a minister from another diocese to solemnize the marriage. Consent forms will be sent in duplicate. One copy should be returned promptly, indicating the date of the marriage. Should the proposed marriage be canceled, both copies should be returned so indicating. Please do not send divorce decree(s) or the Declaration of Intention.