



PETITION FOR BISHOP’S CONSENT TO SOLEMNIZE A MARRIAGE AFTER DIVORCE OR ANNULMENT

- This 3-page petition requires the signatures of a CANA East priest (at the bottom of Page 2), the intended man and woman (middle of Page 3), and the bishop of CANA East (at the bottom of Page 3).
• The priest should retain a copy of the completed form while the original completed form shall be mailed to the bishop of CANA East.
• The bishop must receive the petition, with Pages 1 and 2 completed and signed, not less than 90 days prior to the planned wedding date. If the bishop grants his consent, the original form will be returned with his signature for the Parish files.

Please print clearly.

- 1. Date of petition _____ / _____ / _____
2. CANA East priest’s full name _____
3. E-mail address _____
4. Work phone _____ Cell phone _____
5. CANA East congregation name _____
6. Mailing address of congregation _____

Street or PO Box _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

7. I, the above-named priest, submit this petition to the bishop of CANA East, for his consent to solemnize the marriage of the following man and woman:

8. Man’s full name and marital status

First Middle Last Suffix

- Never married Widowed Divorced Prior marriage annulled

9. Woman’s full name and marital status

First Middle Last Suffix

- Never married Widowed Divorced Prior marriage annulled

Check Yes or No for each of the following questions.
Attach a full explanation for each "No" response.

SURVEY TO BE COMPLETED BY CANA PRIEST	YES	NO
10. At least 365 days have elapsed since the date(s) of the final decree(s) of divorce/annulment.		
11. The planned wedding date is at least 90 days away.		
12. I have met in person with this couple.		
13. If either this man or this woman has had more than one marriage dissolve (by divorce and/or annulment), then I have received a report from a psychiatrist or licensed professional counselor, which satisfies any substantive concerns I may have. <i>If this item does not apply, write "NA" in the Yes column.</i>		
14. Both are baptized.		
15. I trust this couple intends a Christian marriage.		
16. I am satisfied that this couple intends to live out their marriage with the support of a Christian congregation.		
17. I believe the marriage of this couple will be a demonstrable sign of the spiritual union between Christ and his Church.		
18. They have completed or will complete a program of pre-marital counseling satisfactory to me.		
19. I am satisfied that this man and this woman have realistically faced and evaluated the cause(s) of the ending of the prior marriage(s).		
20. I am satisfied that this man and this woman have an adequate concern to the prior spouse(s) and any dependents.		
21. I am satisfied that this couple has the ability to handle any personal differences (e.g., regarding ethnicity, religious discipline, age, income, patterns of conflict) in a healthy manner.		
22. I am satisfied that this couple has the ability to handle any differences regarding surviving dependents (e.g., disposition of assets, property, and other estate planning) in a healthy manner.		
23. I am either the senior ranking cleric of this congregation OR I have obtained approval to officiate at this wedding.		
24. If they have requested other clergy to officiate at their wedding, I have contacted said clergy. <i>If this item does not apply, write "NA" in the Yes column.</i>		
25. I am willing to officiate at this wedding, if consent is granted.		
26. I have examined the final decree(s) of divorce/annulment and find the prior marriage(s) lawfully dissolved.		
27. All matters of property and custody related to the previous marriage(s) have been settled.		

28. Signature of CANA East priest

DECLARATION OF INTENT

- We, desiring to receive the blessing of Holy Matrimony in the Church, do solemnly declare that we hold marriage to be a lifelong union of husband and wife as it is set forth in the versions of the Book of Common Prayer authorized for use within the Convocation of Anglicans in North America (CANA).
- We believe that the union of husband and wife—in heart, body, and mind—is intended by God for their mutual joy, for the help and comfort given one another in prosperity and adversity, and when it is God’s will for the procreation of children and their nurture in the knowledge and love of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- We do engage ourselves to make our utmost effort to establish this relationship and so seek God’s help thereto.

29. *Man’s signature*

30. *Woman’s signature*

- Clergy, mail the original completed three-page petition to your CANA bishop.
- When returned with bishop’s signature, keep a copy in your parish records.

Missionary Diocese of CANA East
 The Rt. Rev’d Julian Dobbs
 6731 Curran Street
 McLean, Virginia 22101

BISHOP’S CONSENT

Date of bishop’s consent / /
 DD MM YYYY

Bishop’s name printed

Bishop’s signature

- Return the original document with bishop’s signature to the parish office requesting consent.