



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

- This 4-page petition requires the signatures of a CANA East priest (at the bottom of Page 2), the intended man and woman (middle of Page 4), and the bishop of CANA East (at the bottom of Page 4).
- 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, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

_____ <i>Street or PO Box</i>	_____ <i>City</i>	_____ <i>ST</i>	_____ <i>Zip</i>
----------------------------------	----------------------	--------------------	---------------------

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

_____ <i>First</i>	_____ <i>Middle</i>	_____ <i>Last</i>	_____ <i>Suffix</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Never married	<input type="checkbox"/> Widowed	<input type="checkbox"/> Divorced	<input type="checkbox"/> Prior marriage annulled

9. Woman's full name and marital status

_____ <i>First</i>	_____ <i>Middle</i>	_____ <i>Last</i>	_____ <i>Suffix</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Never married	<input type="checkbox"/> Widowed	<input type="checkbox"/> Divorced	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 two or more marriages 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.		
14. Are both individuals baptized?		
15. I believe this couple intends a Christian marriage according to the canons of this church.		
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. This couple has 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 causes that resulted in the dissolution of prior marriages.		
20. I am satisfied that this man and this woman have the adequate consideration for prior spouses 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 biblical and 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 biblical and healthy manner.		
23. I am either the senior ranking clergy person of this congregation OR I have obtained approval to officiate at this wedding.		
24. If the couple has requested other clergy to officiate at their wedding, I have contacted said clergy.		
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*

If any of the answers to the above questions are “no,” please explain the reasons in the box below or attach a full statement on a separate sheet of paper.

Please attach a statement, or write a summary below, describing details of previous marriages and the causes for divorce or annulment.

## 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 Holy Bible, The Book of Common Prayer [1662] and in the canons of this diocese [CANA East].
- 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 commit and engage ourselves to establish this relationship according to God’s Holy Word and therefore ask God to be our helper.

---

29. *Man’s signature*

---

30. *Woman’s signature*

- Clergy, mail the original completed four-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. Julian M. Dobbs  
9071 Center Street,  
Manassas, Virginia 20110

---

## BISHOP’S CONSENT

Date of bishop’s consent \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
MM DD YYYY

---

*Bishop’s name printed*

---

*Bishop’s signature*

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