REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO SOLEMNIZE A MARRIAGE

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NOTE: This form is completed when either or both parties have been married or in a civil union that has ben legally dissolved. Applications must be filed at least thirty (30) days prior to the intended date of marriage. "Cover letters" from clergy are necessary only in extraordinary circumstances.

Date of Application _____

Proposed date of Marriage _____

TO: The Bishop of Rhode Island

I hereby request your permission to solemnize the marriage of

(A) _____

( ) who has not been previously married or in a civil union

( ) whose previous marriage or civil union was dissolved by final decree dated _____

(B) _____

( ) who has not been previously married or in a civil union

( ) whose previous marriage or civil union was dissolved by final decree dated _____

(A) _____

( ) is baptized ( ) is not baptized
( ) is a communicant of the Episcopal Church
( ) is not a communicant of the Episcopal Church

(B) _____

( ) is baptized ( ) is not baptized
( ) is a communicant of the Episcopal Church
( ) is not a communicant of the Episcopal Church

I have met with this couple _____ times to discuss the nature of Christian Marriage and am convinced that they truly intend such. Should permission be granted, I am willing to solemnize this marriage. I have personally seen a copy of the final decree(s).

(signed) _____, Priest

Parish:_____ City/Town:_____

CONSENT FOR THE SOLEMNIZATION OF A MARRIAGE

Pursuant to the above application, and it appearing to my satisfaction that all canonical requirements have been met, and that the parties intend a true Christian marriage, permission is hereby given to the above named priest to solemnize this marriage in this church.

This judgment is given pursuant to Title I, Canon 19, Section 3, of the Canons of General Convention, 1997.

Dated _____

(signed) _____
Bishop of Rhode Island

REPORT OF A MARRIAGE

I hereby report the solemnization of the above marriage on _____, 20 _____

(signed) _____, Priest