

**The Episcopal Diocese of San Diego
Celebration and Blessing of Marriage
One or Both of Whom Have Been Divorced**

Dear Bishop Susan Brown Snook:

I hereby respectfully request your permission to solemnize the Celebration and Blessing of Marriage for:

Party #1 - full name

Age: _____ Known to me since: _____

Church Affiliation: _____

Baptized: _____
Church Year

Confirmed: _____
Church Year

Dates of previous civil union or domestic partnership:

_____ From _____ To _____

Dates of previous relationship blessed in a church:

_____ From _____ To _____

Date of Final Divorce/Annulment/Dissolution:

_____ Date of proposed marriage: _____ (Thirty day notice required)

Party #2 - full name

Age: _____ Known to me since: _____

Church Affiliation: _____

Baptized: _____
Church Year

Confirmed: _____
Church Year

Dates of previous civil union or domestic partnership:

_____ From _____ To _____

Dates of previous relationship blessed in a church:

_____ From _____ To _____

Date of Final Divorce/Annulment/Dissolution:

In counseling this couple, I hereby declare that:

- _____ I have ascertained that they have not been refused marriage in the Episcopal Church to each other by any Priest of this Church.
- _____ I have enclosed the letter giving my pastoral support to the couple's application.
- _____ I have reviewed with the applicants the DECLARATION OF INTENT required by Title I, Canon 18, Sec. 4. They have signed it in good conscience. ***(A copy of their Declaration must accompany this request.)***
- _____ They have received (or will receive) before their marriage the instruction and counsel required by Title I, Canons 18 and 19.
- _____ I have seen a certified divorce or annulment decree and kept a copy for my files.
- _____ I am satisfied that they intend to maintain a loving Christian marriage as understood by this church and I am willing to officiate at their wedding.
- _____ They have indicated their intention to live out their Marriage Covenant within the context of a worshipping Christian community.
- _____ Notice that this marriage has taken place will be sent to you to complete this record, as required by Title I, Canon 19, Sec. 3(c).
- _____ If one or both parties has been divorced two or more times, I have received a letter from a licensed professional counsel stating his/her opinion that the couple is appropriately prepared for Christian marriage.

(Please explain any items not checked in a separate cover-letter)

To Be Completed by Bishop's Office

Date Received _____

Disposition: Approved Denied

Date _____

Signature: _____

Wedding Notice Received: _____

Respectfully submitted by:

Priest: _____

Position: _____

Church: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____