

The Episcopal Diocese of Western New York
Consent for the Solemnization of Holy Matrimony

Please use this form in seeking the Bishop's consent for the solemnization of matrimony in the Diocese of Western New York when one or both parties has been the spouse of another person still living. This form must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from the officiating clergy. Requests must be submitted at least thirty (30) days before the Bishop's response is needed.

Return completed form and cover letter to: The Rt. Rev. R. William Franklin, 1064 Brighton Road, Tonawanda, NY 14150.

Date of Application _____ Date of Proposed Marriage _____

Full Name (please print) _____

Marital Status _____ Number of proposed marriage _____ Age _____

Baptized: Yes _____ No _____ Denominational affiliation _____

Parish, if Episcopal _____

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(In the event both parties are divorced, answer the questions for one on this form and use a separate sheet for the other.)

Name of former spouse(s) _____

Date/Place of former marriage: _____

Names and ages of children _____

Reason for marital breakdown _____

Was counseling sought? _____ Explain _____

Date/Court issuing divorce decree _____

Evidence for concern of former spouse and for children of former marriage where appropriate _____

I have known the petitioner for (length of time) _____ in the following context _____

I hereby certify that this couple signified to me their intention to be married on:

I also certify that I have instructed (or caused competent others to instruct) both parties in the meaning of Holy Matrimony according to the provisions of the Canons of the Episcopal Church.

I respectfully ask your consent to officiate this wedding.

Name of Clergy (please print)

Signature of Clergy

NOTE: If the wedding is to be performed outside the geographical limits of the Diocese of Western New York, please give the name of the Diocese where it will be held:

Bishop's Consent [] Non-consent []

Date