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VII Bishop of the Diocese of Kentucky

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Application to the Bishop for Consent to Solemnize a Marriage after Divorce or Annulment

SECTION A

Circle “yes” or “no” to every question. Where “no” is circled, attach a full explanation.

Yes No 1. I have met in person with both parties and they are engaged in a program of premarital counseling satisfactory to me, or they have met in person with a clergyperson of this church satisfactory to me and I have consulted that clergyperson and am assured that they are engaged in a program of pre-marital counseling.

Yes No 2. Each party has signed the Declaration of Intention. (It is not necessary to mail these to the bishop if you have seen them.)

Yes No 3. At least one of the parties is baptized.

Yes No 4. I have inquired of the parties whether they have consulted any other clergyperson of this church regarding the proposed marriage and if they have, I have personally consulted that clergyperson prior to submitting this petition.

Yes No 5. I have personally examined the final decree(s) of divorce or annulment and I certify that on the basis of my examination that the prior marriage(s) is/are lawfully dissolved.

Yes No 6. I believe these parties intend a true Christian marriage.

Yes No 7. I have thoroughly discussed each party’s personal readiness for marriage with them, or such discussion has occurred in a counseling program satisfactory to me.

Yes No 8. I believe each has realistically faced and evaluated the cause(s) of the deaths of the previous marriage(s).

Yes No 9. I am satisfied that each party has an adequate continuing concern for the previous spouse(s) and any children.

Yes No 10. I believe the marriage of this couple is likely to be a demonstrable sign of the spiritual union between Christ and His church.

Yes No 11. I am willing to solemnize the marriage if consent is granted.

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SECTION B

Yes No 12. I am satisfied that the couple (or at least one party with the support of the other) intends to live out their marriage with the support of the Christian community as participants in some congregation of the church.

Yes No 13. At least one calendar year has elapsed since the dates(s) of final decree(s).

Yes No 14. All matters of property and custody have been settled.

Yes No 15. I have discussed with this couple, to the degree I believe to be appropriate, differences, if any, in age, income, religious discipline, patterns of conflict, and, especially for older couples with grown children, whether a written, pre-nuptial agreement on disposition of assets, property, or other estate planning would be appropriate for them to consider; (or, such discussion of those issues has occurred in a counseling program satisfactory to me).

The following question is for situations where either or both parties has/have been divorced (or marriage annulled) more than once.

Yes No N/A 16. I have received from a professional counselor a statement concerning this couple and the statement is attached along with an explanatory letter from me.

NOTE: Where questions 1-15 are answered “yes” and question 16 is not applicable, no additional material is required to accompany the application.

Signature of clergyperson submitting application