

**EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF IOWA**

**CONSENT FOR THE SOLEMNIZATION OF HOLY MATRIMONY**

In as much as \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
have read and subscribed to the following declaration as prescribed by Title I, Canon 18:

Desiring to receive the blessing of Holy Matrimony in the Church, we do solemnly declare that we hold marriage to be a lifelong union of husband and wife as it is set forth in the Book of Common Prayer.

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.

And we do engage ourselves, so far as in us lies, to make our utmost effort to establish this relationship and to seek God's help thereto.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Groom (age)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Bride (age)

Further, in as much as I have counseled with this couple concerning the nature, meaning, and purpose of Christian Marriage and concerning the possible causes of past marital failure and have determined they freely and willingly enter into the Covenant of Marriage, I hereby seek the consent of the Bishop of Iowa for the solemnization of this marriage. And further I hereby certify that the requirements of Title I, Canon 18 and 19, have been met.

God willing and with the bishop's consent, this marriage will be celebrated and blessed  
on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ in the Diocese  
of Iowa.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Priest

Priest's name and address:  
  
\_\_\_\_\_

Affirming this pastoral discernment, I give consent to the solemnization of this marriage and I pray that God will grant all grace and blessing for living the Covenant of Marriage to this couple.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Bishop

Please return this form **with copies of relevant decree/s of dissolution** to: The Bishop's Office, Episcopal Diocese of Iowa, 225-37th Street, Des Moines IA 50312-4305