

REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO SOLEMNIZE A CIVIL UNION

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NOTE: Applications must be filed at least thirty (30) days prior to the intended date of civil union. "Cover letters" from clergy are necessary only in extraordinary circumstances.

Date of Application _____

Proposed date of civil union _____

TO: The Bishop of Rhode Island

I hereby request your permission to solemnize the civil union 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 _____ and

(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 civil union, and am convinced that they truly intend such. Should permission be granted, I am willing to solemnize the civil union. I have personally seen a copy of the final decree(s).

(signed) _____, Priest

Parish: _____ City/Town: _____

CONSENT FOR THE SOLEMNIZATION OF A CIVIL UNION

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 civil union, permission is hereby given to the above named priest to solemnize the proposed civil union in this church.

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

Dated _____, 20 ____

(signed) _____
Bishop of Rhode Island

REPORT OF A CIVIL UNION

I hereby report the solemnization of the above civil union on _____, 20 ____

(signed) _____, Priest