

GUIDELINES FOR REMARRIAGE
DIOCESE OF SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA

1. The divorce must be finalized 30 days before remarriage.
2. One party must be baptized.
3. One party should be a member of the church in which they are getting married.
4. If there is more than 1 divorce with any of the parties involved, the Bishop may require outside counseling in addition to the counseling by the priest involved.
5. Where there has been only 1 divorce per person, the priest may counsel the couple.
6. The priest has to see the final divorce decree(s) or a certified copy with the raised seal for verification.
7. The priest has the right to seek outside counsel for the couple if he chooses.
8. The priest completes and sends to the Bishop the Request for Consultation and Consent for Remarriage form, requesting permission to perform the marriage. The form includes an explanation of why the priest feels the marriage will be a lasting one.