



*Mandatory Declaration no rings no vows*

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Therefore if there is anyone present who can show just cause why these two persons may not be lawfully joined together in matrimony they should now declare it or hereafter remain silent.

(Repeat – husband and wife)

**I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I ..... may not be joined in matrimony to .....**

(Repeat – husband and wife)

**I call upon these persons to witness that I ..... do take you ..... To be my lawful wedded wife/husband.**

I ....*Officiate*.... by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Marriage Act and the Province of Ontario, do hereby pronounce you ..... and ..... to be husband and wife.





*Civil Marriage Ceremony*  
*A*

*Bride* – .....

*Groom* - .....

This couple have come here today to be joined in marriage, which is the voluntary union of two persons to the exclusion of all others. If any person can show just cause why they may not be lawfully joined together, let them speak now or forever hold their peace.

Bride .....repeat after me, please.

“I .....do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I may not be joined in matrimony to .....”

Groom .....repeat after me, please.

I .....do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I may not be joined in matrimony to .....”

Marriage is not a single event but rather a developing process which is not to be undertaken recklessly or irresponsibly but rather maturely and honestly. Marriage is the faithful union between two persons the result of which is the formation of a family unit whose members shall help, support and enjoy each other in good times and in bad times. It is the relationship these two persons wish to have declared and celebrated.

Bride .....repeat after me, please.

I call upon these persons here present to witness that I ..... Do take you ..... to be my lawful wedded husband.

Husband .....repeat after me, please.

I call upon these persons here present to witness that I ..... do take you ..... To be my lawful wedded wife.



Ask husband if he has a ring.

This ring is a symbol of your marriage and a symbol of your love and your life together. Please place it on the third finger of .....’s left hand saying after me:

**“With this ring, I thee wed. I shall love honour and cherish thee and this ring shall be the symbol of my love”.**

Ask wife if she has a ring.

This ring is a symbol of your marriage and a symbol of your love and your life together. Please place it on the third finger of .....’s left hand saying after me:

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I ....*Officiate*....., by virtue of the powers vested in my by the Marriage Act, do hereby pronounce you ..... And .....to be husband and wife.

May you enjoy length of days, fulfillment of hopes and peace and contentment of mind, as you day by day live and fulfill the terms of this covenant you have made with one another.



*AA*

This couple has come here today to be joined in marriage. The essence of this commitment is the taking of another person in his or her entirety as a lover, companion and friend. It is therefore a decision not to be entered into lightly but rather with great consideration and respect for both the other person and oneself.

..... and ..... have invited us to share in this celebration as they affirm their love before us, pledge their faith to one another and enter into the joys and privilege of marriage. Love is one of the highest experiences we can have and it can add depth of meaning to our lives. The day-to-day companionship, the pleasure in doing things together or in doing separate things but exchanging experiences, is a continuous and central part of what two people who love each other can share.

Marriage was established that two people might have life-long companionship, that natural instincts and affections might be fulfilled in mutual love, that children should enjoy the security of family life, love and home.

Marriage symbolizes the intimate sharing of two lives, yet this sharing must not diminish but enhance the individuality of each partner. A happy marriage is one which is continually developing while growing in understanding of the other person. By growing together in love, it is possible to share not only the joys of life but the burdens of sorrow as well.

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**If any person can show just cause why ..... *and* ..... may not be joined in marriage, let him speak now or forever hold his peace.**

..... repeat after me, please.



**“I, ..... do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I may not be joined in matrimony to .....”.**

.... repeat after me, please.

**“I, ..... do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I may not be joined in matrimony to .....”.**

? ..... will read a poem.

.... please turn and face ..... You may join hands. Repeat after me:

**I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, ..... do take you ..... to be my lawful wedded wife;**

**To laugh with you in joy  
To grieve with you in sorrow  
To encourage when in doubt  
To grow with you in love  
To be faithful to you alone  
As long as we both shall live.**

.... please repeat after me:

**I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, ..... do take you ..... to be my lawful wedded husband;**

**To laugh with you in joy  
To grieve with you in sorrow  
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*.... do you have a ring for ....?*

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**“With this ring, I thee wed. I shall love, honour and cherish you and this ring shall be the symbol of my love”.**

Invite photographs now!

I, .....*Officiate*....., by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Marriage Act, do hereby pronounce you ..... and ..... to be husband and wife. You may kiss.

Sign the register

Announce:

Ladies and Gentlemen it is my pleasure to introduce to you the married couple.





B

Bride – .....

Groom - .....

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Marriage was established that two people might have life-long companionship, that natural instincts and affections might be fulfilled in mutual love, *that children should enjoy the security of family life, love and home.* (be careful of that phrase if older couple).

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..... And ....., your marriage is intended to join you in a relationship so intimate and personal, it will change your whole being. It offers you the hope and indeed the promise of a love that is true and mature. To attain such love, you will have to commit yourselves to each other freely and gladly for the sake of a richer and deeper life together.



**If any person can show just cause why they may not be joined in marriage, let him speak now or forever hold his peace.**

Bride .....repeat after me, please.

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Groom .....repeat after me, please.

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May you enjoy length of days, fulfillment of hopes and peace and contentment of mind, as you day by day live and fulfill the terms of this covenant you have made with one another.

Congratulations!





C

Bride – .....

Groom - .....

We are gathered together to witness the formal joining of ..... and ..... in legal matrimony according to the custom and law prevailing by the Government of the Province of Ontario.

Bride .....repeat after me, please.

“I .....do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I may not be joined in matrimony to .....”

Groom .....repeat after me, please.

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**To laugh with you in joy  
To grieve with you in sorrow  
To grow with you in love  
To be faithful to you alone  
As long as we both shall live  
Do you accept?**

Wait for an answer.

Husband .....repeat after me, please.

**I call upon these persons here present to witness that I ..... do take you ..... To be my lawful wedded wife**

**To laugh with you in joy  
To grieve with you in sorrow  
To grow with you in love  
To be faithful to you alone**



As long as we both shall live  
Do you accept?

Wait for an answer.

Ask husband if he has a ring.

**This ring is a precious gift to you as a measure of my love and as a sign that from this day forward your every breath shall be surrounded by my love.**

Ask wife is she has a ring.

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*Mandatory Declarations with rings and bride given away*

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Is there someone present who gives this woman in marriage to this man? (allow for a response)

(Repeat – husband and wife in turn)

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To Groom

Place the ring on her finger, hold it there and say these words to her.

**This ring I give to you in token of the covenant made this day between us.**

To Bride

Place the ring on his finger, hold it there and say these words to him.

**This ring I give you in token of the covenant made this day between us.**

I, .....*Officiate*....., by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Marriage Act, do hereby pronounce you ..... and ..... to be husband and wife. You may kiss the bride.

