

## **CIVIL MARRIAGE CEREMONY #4**

**OFFICIATE:** We are gathered here this afternoon to witness the formal joining in the legal state of matrimony, this man and this woman, under the authority given and provided by the Government of the Province of Ontario. Both of you should understand that marriage is not to be entered upon thoughtlessly or irresponsibly, but with a due and serious understanding and appreciation of the ends for which it is contracted.

As the two of you walk the road of married life together you will quickly come to realize that it is not a one-sided affair. The concept of what's mine is mine and what's yours is yours will no longer apply. There will need to be a sharing in all things...and that includes the sorrows as well as the good times. You will not always agree...you will not always see eye to eye. You will not always please each other. But that should be no cause for regret or any other drastic action, because there are many good times to marriage that overshadow the sorrows.

Each of you will have something to contribute to this marriage...both masculine qualities and feminine qualities. And when you put those qualities together, letting them work harmoniously, you will indeed have a happy marriage.

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

### **GROOM THEN BRIDE**

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

## **GROOM**

I call upon these persons, here present, to witness, that I \_\_\_\_\_ do take you \_\_\_\_\_ to be my lawful wedded wife. To have and to hold, from this day forward,

For better, for worse, for richer, for poorer,

In sickness and in health, to love and to cherish

So long as we both shall live.

## **BRIDE**

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

To have and to hold, from this day forward.

For better for worse, for richer, for poorer,

In sickness and in health, to love and to cherish

So long as we both shall live.

## **RINGS**

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

I (Clerk), by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Marriage Act and the Province of Ontario, hereby pronounce you \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to be husband and wife.