

CIVIL MARRIAGE CEREMONY # 7

Person 1: _____

Person 2: _____

Municipal Clerk:

We are gathered at this place to witness the formal joining in the legal state of matrimony of this couple, according to the order and the custom prevailing, and under the authority given and provided by the Government of the Province of Ontario.

The state of matrimony, as understood by us, is a state ennobled and enriched by a long and honourable tradition of devotion, set in the basis of the law of the land, assuring each participant an equality before the law, and supporting the common rights of each party to the marriage.

Marriage is therefore not to be entered upon thoughtlessly or irresponsibility, but with a due and serious understanding and appreciation of the ends for which it is contracted, and of the material, intellectual and emotional factors which will govern its fulfillment.

Municipal Clerk to the Male: 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 _____.”

Municipal Clerk to the Female: 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 _____.”

Municipal Clerk to the Male: Repeat after me, please:

“I call upon these persons here present to witness that I _____ do take you _____ to be my lawful wedded (wife or husband or spouse or partner).”

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?"

Municipal Clerk the Female: Repeat after me, please:

"I call upon these persons here present to witness that I _____ do take you _____ to be my lawful wedded (wife or husband or spouse or partner)."

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?"

Municipal Clerk to the Male: Repeat after me, please:

"This ring is my 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."

Municipal Clerk to the Female: Repeat after me, please:

"This ring is my 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."

I, _____, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Marriage Act, do hereby pronounce you _____ and _____ to be husband and wife (or married).

You may kiss.

Municipal Clerk:

As you enter upon your marriage, consider that the honour of the nation and its people is based upon the quality of its homes, and the future of the nation is in the hands of the issue of each home.

Let your home be as a haven of peace in the middle of a busy and businesslike world; let your relationship be one of complete truth and understanding between you both; respect the confidences of your partner in this marriage, and consider that as the work give nothing freely, neither will your marriage yield you more than you give into it.

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.

After signing of the Register, Municipal Clerk announces:

May I introduce to you the married couple.