

Civil Marriage Ceremony Vows – Ring Exchange

Officiant Preamble, welcome and introduction

THE PURPOSE

"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.

Officiant to 1st person: 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 _____".

Officiant to 2nd person: 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 _____".

DECLARATION OF INTENT AND VOWS

"_____ and _____ have chosen to exchange rings today. A ring is a circle without end and just like love is eternal."

"Would you please face each other and repeat after me"

Officiant to 1st person:

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

Please place this ring on the third finger of _____'s left hand saying after me:

"I give you this ring as a symbol of the unending union of my life with yours and as a symbol of my love and commitment to you. With this ring, I thee wed."

Officiant to 2nd person:

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

Please place this ring on the third finger of _____'s left hand saying after me:

"I give you this ring as a symbol of the unending union of my life with yours and as a symbol of my love and commitment to you. With this ring, I thee wed."

As you wear these rings may you find them reminders of an endless love which may grow more meaningful with each passing day.

PRONOUNCEMENT

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

CEREMONY CONCLUSION

Officiant introduces the married couple.

Now that _____ and _____ have pledged themselves to one another and declared this by their vows, please allow me to be the first to wish you a long and happy life together. At this time you may share a kiss or embrace as a symbol of your love and commitment.

SIGNING OF THE REGISTER

At this time, the wedded parties and their witnesses will sign the Official Marriage Register.

Please note: Bolded text is mandatory for the ceremony