

Introduction Options



Introduction 1

Good Afternoon – What a beautiful day for a wedding!

We are gathered here today 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.

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.

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

_____and _____ you have made it known that you want to be joined in marriage and no one has shown any valid reason why you may not. If either of you know of any lawful impediment why you should not be married, you are now to declare it.

Introduction 2

On behalf of _____ and _____ welcome and thank you for being here on this special day. By your presence, you celebrate with them the love they have discovered in each other and you support their decision to commit themselves to one another for the rest of their lives. Today we are here to celebrate love. We come together to witness and proclaim the joining together of these two persons in marriage.

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Introduction 3

Welcome, family, friends and loved ones. We gather here today to celebrate the marriage of _____ and _____. You have come here to share in this formal commitment they make to one another, to offer your love and support to this union, and to allow _____ and _____ to start their married life together surrounded by the people dearest and most important to them.

Marriage is the faithful union between two people, the result of which is the growth of a family whose members support and enjoy each other in good times and in bad times. Marriage is not to be entered upon thoughtlessly or irresponsibly but rather with maturity and honesty.

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