

## Vow "A"

**Note: (Mandatory statements are in brackets)**

SOLEMNIZER:

We are gathered at this place for the purpose of 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.

The essence of this commitment is not to be entered into lightly but with great consideration and respect for both the other person and oneself

Therefore, if there is any one present who can show just cause why these two persons may not be lawfully joined together speak now or forever hold your peace

Is there someone present who gives this woman in marriage to this man?

Applicant, please repeat after me:

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

Applicant, please repeat after me:

**(I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why**

**I, \_\_\_\_\_, may not be joined in matrimony  
to \_\_\_\_\_.)**

Please face each other.

Applicant, please repeat after me:

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

Applicant, please repeat after me:

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

SOLEMNIZER TO APPLICANT:

\_\_\_\_\_, place the ring on \_\_\_\_\_ finger, holding it there

please repeat after me:

With this ring I wed you, as a symbol of my commitment to love, honor and  
cherish you.

SOLEMNIZER TO APPLICANT

\_\_\_\_\_, place the ring on \_\_\_\_\_ finger, holding it there

please repeat after me:

With this ring I wed you, as a symbol of my commitment to love, honor and cherish you.

SOLEMNIZER:

**(I, \_\_\_\_\_, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Marriage Act and the Province of Ontario, do hereby pronounce you, Married.**

I wish you long life, happiness, prosperity, and may the vows you made to each other today sustain you forever.

You may kiss the Bride.

-end of script-

## ADDENDUM TO THIS MANDATORY CEREMONY

Subject to the wording of any new Regulation, when performing a same-sex marriage, it should be appropriate to change the opening statement to read “We are gathered at this place for the purpose of joining in the legal state of matrimony these persons,\_\_\_\_\_and\_\_\_\_\_.

Participants could repeat “I take you to be my lawful wedded partner”.

Similarly, the pronouncement by the Solemnizer would read “do hereby pronounce you\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to be partners in marriage”.