

Wedding Ceremony Kate & Brendan.

26 March '94

1. Welcome to Bride, Bridegroom,  
parents & family & friends
2. Purpose of our being here.
3. Meaning of Marriage in history & as  
a Social Institution
4. Paul's Vision: 1 Corinthians 13 (the  
Hymn of Married Love); vs. 1-10; 12-13)
5. Reading of Intention of Kate & Brendan  
& Objection & Vows:
6. Blessing of Rings
7. Prayer of Blessing. Creator of Humankind,  
of Women and Men, We stand before you in  
<sup>deep</sup> joy and gratitude for the way in which  
you have placed the ~~love~~ <sup>love</sup> ~~absolute~~ <sup>absolute</sup> and the  
power of human beings, and especially of a  
man towards a woman & a woman towards a man,  
to love one another. We are acutely aware that  
this love <sup>implies</sup> ~~includes~~ a mutual loyalty of husband  
and wife. We pray for your blessing of this  
love in the relationship of Kate & Brendan:

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let it grow in depth and joy and be  
made perfect as they share their joys &  
sorrows, their mutual agreements as well  
as their different ~~views~~ <sup>views</sup>, their faith  
and hope, as long as they ~~live~~ <sup>as well as their doubts & fears</sup>  
~~together~~ <sup>always</sup> may they experience your  
blessing throughout their lives.

Amen.

Prayer of Cardinal Ruffini (the  
Hymn of Blessed Land: vs 1-10; 12-13)

3. Prayer of Intention of Kate & Brendan  
& children & home:

4. Blessing of Rings

7. Prayer of Blessing: Creator of Humankind,  
of women and men, we stand before you in  
awe and gratitude for the way in which  
you have placed the love, stability and the  
bond of human beings, and especially of a  
man towards a woman & a woman towards a man,  
to love one another. We are deeply aware that  
this love ~~includes~~ <sup>implies</sup> a mutual loyalty of husband  
and wife. We pray for your blessing of this  
love in the relationship of Kate & Brendan.

## Reading and Prayer of Blessing

Kate and Brendan want the vows they take today to commit them to a particular kind of marriage; a marriage which is characterised in the following way:

- \* By getting married, they are making a commitment to each other, to love one another - and to be there for each other not only in the good times but in the hard times as well.
- \* They are making a commitment that whatever paths they choose to follow in their lives, they will do so from the base of their relationship; as a partnership which takes account of both their needs; and which respects their mutual need for independence as well as for togetherness.
- \* Brendan and Kate want their marriage to be built on the kind of love that allows each of them to grow, to explore, and to change: and to do so together, in ways that build their depth of understanding for each other, and that are based on mutual trust;
- \* Their decision to get married is also based on their hopes of starting a family; it's a promise to the children that may come: a promise to provide a home in which they can grow up surrounded by love, laughter, and security; and in which they learn to respect the rights and dignity of all people.
- \* For Kate and Brendan, this marriage is also an acknowledgment that the arrival of children will bring sacrifices and adjustments in the lives they lead, and it constitutes an agreement that to the best of their ability, they will share the difficulties as well as the joys that such a new phase of their lives will bring;
- \* And finally, it's a leap of faith - because they both believe in the strength of their love for one another, and in their joint commitment to build their relationship as equals in a lifelong partnership based on love, joy and growth.

### *lawful* Calls for objections

*In the light of the above commitment to which both of you have agreed, do you declare that it is your sincere resolve to live together in this way and do you desire now to be united in marriage?*

Brendan: Do you take Kate to be your wife; and do you vow to love her and to build your marriage on the understanding so described?

Kate: Do you take Brendan to be your husband, and do you vow to love him and to build your marriage on this same understanding?

### Bless the rings

Brendan: With this ring, I thee wed

Kate: With this ring, I thee wed.

### They may kiss each other!