

April 29, 2004 – Our Wedding Words

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It is with love and honour that Patrycja and Joshua celebrate this moment with all of us. They have asked me to share a few of their thoughts regarding this most important occasion, their union in sacred and magical matrimony.

For Patrycja and Joshua, marriage is the union of the physical, the emotional, and the spiritual. With this event... this opportunity... this celebration, they vow, with all of us as witnesses, to live in that wondrous place that brings together every aspect of who we are, that place where love and commitment can guide all action.

This marriage is a moment in the present, drawing from everything in the past, and reaching to everything in the future. Patrycja and Joshua feel blessed to come from beautiful, loving families and from a community of friends and relatives that is at once inspiring, supportive, and caring. This blessing is something they hope to carry into their own family.

For Joshua and Patrycja, marriage involves hope and trust, respect and understanding, joy and sorrow, negotiation and discussion, passion and exhaustion, excitement and satisfaction.

Marriage is presence... absence... and transcendence.

For them, marriage brings together the different, the opposed, creating something larger, something greater.

For Joshua and Patrycja, above all else, marriage is beauty and marriage is love.

The beauty of laughter, of sunsets, of mountains, of oceans, of glistening bodies, of a baby's smile, and of delicate harmonies.

The love of friends, of family, of self, and of something beyond.

It is the love between two people that extends over years and across continents, over differences and generations, and it is a love that helps them grow and keeps them safe. A love that has allowed these two to discover themselves by looking deep into each other's hearts.

This marriage is a vow between Patrycja and Joshua to continue living with excitement, energy and joy. A vow to always be satisfied with life while remaining eager, curious, and determined. A vow to dance with wildness and live with passion. A vow, above all else, to celebrate the incredible qualities each brings to this profound union.

With love, beauty, and joy, Patrycja and Joshua welcome you into their new lives.

Thank you.