

**Carla and Andrew  
20 year anniversary vow renewal  
Cathedral Ledge  
September 26, 2013**

**Introduction:**

Welcome Meg and Kate and thank you for joining us here today

Carla and Andrew, a marriage that lasts is one which is continually developing and in which each person continues to grow as an individual. Deep knowledge of another person is not something that can be achieved in a short time and real understanding of another's feelings can only develop with years of intimacy. Marriage is about sharing not only the joys and successes but the burdens of sorrows and failures as well. To be known in this way is a priceless thing.

You have now been married 20 years and through all the years of your journey together, you have now come to this beautiful setting, so that you could renew your vow and commitment of love for each other. What I am witnessing today is a declaration of your commitment to each other and to a lifetime of adventure together. It is also a time to pause and reflect on where you have been and where you are going

**Intentions:**

Over 26 years ago to the day, you met at a dance at Colby-Sawyer College. Carla you happened to pick out a young man wearing a bomber jacket and asked him to dance. From that moment on, you were inseparable throughout your college years driving back and forth between Norwich University and

Colby-Sawyer College. Adventures continued when you both struck out on your own and building careers and growing together as a couple.

On September 25, 1993 you first joined hands and hearts as husband and wife. That was 20 years ago and you didn't know where life would take you. You promised to love, honour and cherish one another through all things. Life has been a rollercoaster of wonderful blessings and difficult tribulations. And throughout the good times and the bad times, you have been there for each other.

Two of the most important things that have come out of this relationship are these two beautiful young girls, Meg and Kate. Your daughters are a symbol of your love and commitment to each other.

And sharing this day together as a family unites all of you in this celebration. As you come here today to reaffirm your wedding vows and as you reflect back over all the years as husband and wife, do you now reaffirm the vows you took both 20 years ago? If so, please repeat after me. I will begin with Carla.

**Carla: please repeat after me**

Andrew, I promise to faithfully love and cherish you  
with all of my heart,  
to laugh with you and lift your spirits,  
in good times and in bad.  
I will stand by you through all of life's changes.  
I will grow old with you,  
hold your hand and sleep by your side,  
and continue to be your best friend for the rest of my life  
Andrew, I'll hold onto your heart while you hold onto mine.

**Andrew: please repeat after me**

Carla, I promise to faithfully love and cherish you  
with all of my heart,  
to laugh with you and lift your spirits,  
in good times and in bad.  
I will stand by you through all of life's changes.  
I will grow old with you,  
hold your hand and sleep by your side,  
and continue to be your best friend for the rest of my life  
Carla, I'll hold onto your heart while you hold onto mine.

**Vows:**

Carla, once again you stand before Andrew to take his hand as  
your partner. Do you take Andrew on this day and for all days  
as your husband?

[Carla] "I do"

Are you proud to renew your wedding vows and promise to  
wipe away his tears with your laughter and his pain with your  
caring and your compassion?

[Carla] "I am"

Will you give yourself to him completely and promise to love  
him always from this day forth?

[Carla] "I Will"

Do you believe more strongly than ever and with a joy borne of experience and trust that you commit yourself once again to be Andrew's wife?

[Carla ] "I do"

**Schroeder says to Andrew:**

Andrew, once again you stand before Carla to take her hand as your partner. Do you take Carla on this day and for all days as your wife?

[Andrew] "I do"

Are you proud to renew your wedding vows and promise to wipe away her tears with your laughter and her pain with your caring and your compassion?

[Andrew] "I am"

Will you give yourself to her completely and promise to love her always from this day forth?

[Andrew] "I Will"

Do you believe more strongly than ever and with a joy borne of experience and trust that you commit yourself once again to be Carla's husband?

[Andrew] "I do"

## **Rings:**

The rings that you are about to exchange mark the continuation of your long journey together. A journey that began over 20 years ago. These rings are a symbol of infinity, of time without end. Let your rings be a continuing reminder of your union and of the love that you share. As a ring is unbroken so will your love for each other be without end.

### **Schroeder says to Carla – Repeat after me...**

Andrew, the words I say to you now  
are words I say in friendship, respect and love.  
You are the person with whom I wish to share my life.  
I offer you all the days before me  
no matter what may come our way.  
Take this ring as a symbol of my continued commitment.

### **Schroeder says to Andrew- Repeat after me ...**

Carla, the words I say to you now  
are words I say in friendship, respect and love.  
You are the person with whom I wish to share my life.  
I offer you all the days before me  
no matter what may come our way.  
Take this ring as a symbol of my continued commitment.

## **Closing:**

Carla and Andrew,

Now, after 20 years of marriage, you have seen your ups and downs but realized that after all this time together, that you want to commit yourselves to each other even more. You complete each other and create a perfect circle with each other

and your daughters, Meg and Kate. You know that you can weather the storms as well as enjoy the sunshine of your relationship together. You know that you truly want to spend the rest of your life with your partner, your best friend, the other half of your heart.

And so, by the power vested in me by the State of New Hampshire, it gives me great pleasure to declare this marriage as renewed! You may kiss the bride!