**Giusto Wedding**

**Gathering Words**

Welcome everyone. The commitment of a man and woman in marriage is of the heart, body, mind, and spirit; and is for the intention of mutual love, help, and comfort through the trials and triumphs of life. It is a relationship not to be entered into unadvised or lightly, but deliberately, lovingly and reverently.

From this day forward, Anthony and Desiree will be husband and wife and they are honored that you, their most cherished friends and family, have joined them in this beautiful place to help celebrate this great love they share.

**Remembrances**

Before we begin, lets take a moment to honor the memory of those loved ones who could only be here in spirit today. While they are no longer with us physically, we carry them in our hearts.

**Marriage Address**

Marriage is the essence of human relationships.

It challenges us to be of one accord without abandoning the truth of our individuality.

It challenges us to recognize ourselves in one another, and to admire and respect each other while walking side by side heading in the same direction- sometimes so close together that there will be only one set of footprints.

As with all relationships, marriage is an endless presentation of choices about how we want to be with one another. Each choice presents an opportunity for more unity.

Choose into that unity, Desiree and Anthony, every chance you get.

**Unity Candle**

Anthony and Desiree, the two separate candles before you symbolize your separate lives, separate families and separate sets of friends.

At this time, I invite your mothers to please come up and light their respective candles.

 I ask that each of you take your individual candles and that together you light the center candle.
The individual candles represent your lives before today and by lighting the center candle, your two lives are now joined into one light, representing the joining together of your two families and sets of friends to one.

**Wedding Vows**

Desiree and Anthony, we are here to remember and rejoice with you and to recount with one another that it is love that guides us on our path, and to celebrate as you begin this journey together. It is in this spirit that you have come here today to exchange these vows.

**Anthony: repeat after me**

*I Anthony, take you Desiree*

*To be my wife.*

*I promise above all else to live in truth with you*

*And to communicate fully and fearlessly.*

*I give you my hand and heart*

*As a sanctuary of warmth and peace.*

*And pledge my love, devotion, faith, and honor*

*As I join my life to yours.*

**Desiree: repeat after me**

*I Desiree, take you Anthony*

*To be my husband.*

*I promise above all else to live in truth with you*

*And to communicate fully and fearlessly.*

*I give you my hand and heart*

*As a sanctuary of warmth and peace.*

*And pledge my love, devotion, faith, and honor*

*As I join my life to yours.*

**Ring exchange**

*May I have the rings please?*

These rings are symbols of your love; as circles they have no beginning and no end. May these rings serve to remind you of the freedom and power of your love.

**Anthony, place the ring on Desiree’s finger and repeat after me:**

*With this ring, I pledge to you with all my heart,*

*To love and support you in all ways*

*To the best of my ability*

*For the rest of our lives.*

**Desiree, place the ring on Anthony’s finger and repeat after me:**

*With this ring, I pledge to you with all my heart,*

*To love and support you in all ways*

*To the best of my ability*

*For the rest of our lives.*

**Final Words**

Now that Anthony and Desiree have joined themselves to each other by solemn vows,

And by the giving and receiving of rings,

 in front of this loving community of family and friends

It gives me great joy to pronounce that they are husband and wife.

Anthony, you may now kiss the bride!!

**Turn and face audience:**

Ladies and gentleman, I now present to you for the very first time… Mr. and Mrs. Anthony and Desiree Giusto.

**Post Ceremony Announcement**

 Ladies and Gentlemen, the bride and groom request that you go to the Red Horse Barn at the base of the wedding gardens for appetizers and beverages while they finish their photos…they will join you shortly.