

**Interfaith wedding minister brings a joyful heart and a passion for memorable ceremonies**

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Rev. Marian at another beautiful wedding

"Excuse me, minister, but are you a member of the family? You seem so involved in this." This is the question guests most often ask Rev. Marian Hale at the end of a wedding ceremony.

Whether a simple elopement on the beach in Evanston, an elaborate affair at the Intercontinental downtown -- or a wedding ceremony joining a Roman Catholic groom and Native American bride -- Marian is passionate about performing wonderful weddings.

Ordained to perform ceremonies in all the world's religions, she often unites couples from different faith backgrounds and assists in creating a ceremony that reflects their unique relationship. She has performed close to 600 weddings from Joliet to Gurnee and has helped each couple create the most beautiful and memorable ceremony possible.

In 1997, Marian was ordained in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine after completing a two-year course at The New Seminary (interfaith) in New York.

"I am still deeply moved by participating in weddings, and it's not just my relationship with a particular bride or groom," she says. "It's the depth and power of the wedding ceremony itself. Couples often tell me later that they feel more committed, more centered and much more willing to work at their relationship after they have been witnessed saying vows to one another. There's 'magic' in every ceremony."

"Many couples who contact me are unchurched," Marian continued, "not because they're lazy or thoughtless, just the opposite. They have made a conscious decision that the church of their childhood doesn't speak to who they now are, and I deeply respect that."

"The most common mingling of faiths is Jewish-Christian, though I have assisted with many other combinations as well. I've performed civil unions, single religion ceremonies, non-denominational weddings, renewal of vows, elopements, same-sex commitment ceremonies (personally, I call them weddings!) -- and have officiated ceremonies for Atheists. I have no agenda with regard to a couple's religious or spiritual backgrounds."

One couple put it this way: "You have a gift for allowing us to feel good about ourselves and our choices -- encouraging us to reflect on important decisions, not intrusively but in a way that gave us options to reflect on our relationship better than we could have on our own. ... You do more than witness. In our case, you participated fully ... and we're grateful you were part of our new beginning as husband and wife."

Other couples had this to say in appreciation to Marian for making their day special ... "Relaxed, personal and meaningful." "Beautiful, moving and heartfelt ceremony." "Quiet confidence, reassurance and compassion."

Rev. Marian brings joy to every ceremony she does. She loves this work, and it shows.

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