

Wedding Homily Sarah & Matthew Fraser

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The last time I was at my son's wedding saying something, I was up-staged by a priest. He said something about remembering 3 things...I don't know, ask Christopher about it. I am sure he remembers. Anyway, this time I thought I probably should just go right with the priest. Low and behold, I learned about Monsignor Robert Kelly, the late pastor of the Catholic Church right here on Folly Beach, Our Lady of Good Counsel. Msgr. Kelly had a vision of what your job is in marriage, Matt and Sarah. It was a very simple concept...It didn't have to do with owning a house, having nice cars, great vacations or a rich portfolio. Nor did it have to do with sticking to a budget or having lots of children. It wasn't even strictly about being happy or in love. Msgr. Kelly said your job in marriage is to get each other into heaven.

Plain and simple advice...nothing you do on this earth matters unless it leads both of you to heaven. And if that is not enough, it also is our jobs to lead our children, family and friends there as well. Simple advice, but deep and meaningful as well.

God wants us to share the good things in life, but He loves you so much that He gave you each other to pull and push each other to Him...and to help each other stay there forever. Ask yourselves in the years to come if what you are doing is getting you to heaven. If the answer is not clearly yes, you may want to re-think what you are doing. May God bless you on a long and love-filled marriage and on your journey to heaven.

Love, Dad Fraser