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COMMENT ON ADOPTION OF MARRIAGE AMENDMENT

WCC Executive Director John Huebscher offered the following comment on the legislature's adoption of SJR 53 to amend Wisconsin's constitution to define marriage:

"The bishops are pleased with the legislature's action on the proposed amendment. Wisconsin is one step closer to placing this question before the voters and the strong vote in favor of the resolution mirrors the public sentiment on the issue. The bishops anticipate that when given the chance to approve this amendment, the voters will do so, as they have in other states where the question was put before them.

As to the debate between now and November, the bishops hope all citizens will repudiate words and deeds that demean individuals with a homosexual orientation. Supporters of this amendment must serve only to affirm marriage, not foster hostility to any group or individual. The bishops hope they will do so with courage, compassion and civility."

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