



## WISCONSIN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

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### **Living Faith is Focus of *Catholics at the Capitol***

On Tuesday, April 5, 2011, Catholics from around the state will meet at the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center in Madison, Wisconsin, for *Catholics at the Capitol 2011*. Sponsored by the Wisconsin Catholic Conference (WCC) in cooperation with numerous Catholic organizations, this biennial event is a day of education, advocacy, and fellowship.

The theme for this year's event, "Living Faith in the Public Square", focuses on how Catholic teaching enhances public policy debates. The day features breakout sessions on a variety of issues, such as state budgeting, promoting life, food policy and production, human trafficking, health care reform, immigration, parental choice in education, and more. Experts from around the state will be on hand to examine issues that advance the common good, and will offer suggestions on how to engage in effective advocacy.

The Most Reverend Jerome E. ListECKi, Archbishop of Milwaukee, will provide a keynote address on how faith and religious perspectives elevate public policy debate. During the afternoon general session, a panel of bishops and lay faithful will discuss witnessing to hope during uncertain times.

"*Catholics at the Capitol* gives Catholics a unique opportunity to actively engage their elected officials and see firsthand the affect their advocacy has on policy makers," said WCC Executive Director John Huebscher. "Catholics come together to pray, learn about key policy issues, and make personal contact with public officials and staff."

Registration begins at 8:15am, and the day's events start with a prayer service at 9:15am. After the afternoon general session adjourns at 3:30pm, participants are encouraged to walk over to the State Capitol to meet with their legislators and staff.

Deadline for registration is Monday, March 21, 2011. For those who register in advance, the registration fee is \$37 for non-students and \$12 for full-time students. Same-day registration is \$40 for all non-students.

For more information, call the Wisconsin Catholic Conference at 608-257-0004, or visit the WCC's website at [www.wisconsincatholic.org](http://www.wisconsincatholic.org). Details on how to arrange meetings with legislators, as well as other important information will be provided in the registration confirmation packet.