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WCC COMMENT ON SUPREME COURT RULINGS REGARDING MARRIAGE

WCC Executive Director John Huebscher made the following comment regarding the June 26, 2013 rulings by the U.S. Supreme Court on the constitutionality of the Defense of Marriage Act and the standing of California citizens to challenge a federal court ruling pertaining to that state's law defining marriage as a union between a man and a woman.

“Today's rulings by the Court do not affect Wisconsin's definition of marriage as duly ratified by the voters in 2006. Rather the Justices have determined that the laws regarding marriage in our nation remain in the hands of the people in the fifty states.

Leaving our state's definition of marriage intact presents Catholics with the opportunity to continue to bear witness to our commitment to marriage as God created it and to sustain that witness in our own lives and through our Catholic ministries.

Indeed, no court can deny us our right as people of faith to witness these values.

Of course, these decisions do not end our national conversation over the meaning of marriage. We can only hope that the conversation continues in a way that respects the common humanity of all people. We also hope that the conversation serves to foster the common good rather than fuel the polarization that afflicts so much of our public square.”

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