

WISCONSIN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

CAPITOL UPDATE

January 22, 2010

Contents Include:

1. Archbishop ListECKi Testifies on Statutes of Limitations Waiver
2. WCC Circulates Information on Sex Education Bill
3. Upcoming Hearings of Interest
4. New Bills of Interest
5. Web Sites of Interest

Archbishop ListECKi Testifies on Statutes of Limitations Waiver

On January 12, Milwaukee Archbishop Jerome E. ListECKi [testified](#) in opposition to [Senate Bill 319](#) before the Senate Judiciary, Corrections, Insurance, Campaign Finance Reform and Housing Committee. SB 319, like its companion bill AB 453, would temporarily remove the statute of limitations for child sexual abuse cases and permit civil suits, no matter how old, to be brought in court against both alleged perpetrators and their employers. The bill would also permanently remove the statute of limitations for future civil actions.

Please contact Members of the Legislature and urge opposition to both SB 319 and AB 453. Emphasize the inherent inequity of this legislation and its potential impact on parishioners and current Church employees who are not culpable for wrongdoing committed decades ago. To find contact information for your Wisconsin State Representative or Senator, visit our WCC [E-Advocacy](#) webpage and enter your zip code, or call the State Legislative Hotline, 1-800-362-9472.

WCC Circulates Information on Sex Education Bill

The WCC is circulating an [Issue Brief](#) and [Q&A](#) urging parents and other concerned citizens to oppose the so-called “Healthy Youth Act” ([AB 458](#) and [SB 324](#)), which mandates that only “comprehensive sex education” can be used in Wisconsin’s schools, thereby undermining parental involvement and local control. As previously reported, AB 458 passed the Assembly last year, while SB 324, having received a public hearing, remains in the Senate Education Committee. Readers are urged to contact their Senators to urge that neither bill be advanced. Senators can be contacted either by calling the State Legislative Hotline, 1-800-362-9472, or visiting our WCC [E-Advocacy](#) webpage and entering your zip code.

New Bills of Interest

[AB-650](#). **Bingo** (Vruwink) Changes affecting when a person under 18 may play bingo. To State Affairs & Homeland Security.

Web Sites of Interest

<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/waml>

- Who are my legislators

[Directory of Senate Members](#)

[Directory of Assembly Members](#)

<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/leginfo.html>

- 2009-10 Session Schedule
- Weekly Schedule of Committee Activities
- Senate and Assembly Daily Floor Calendar

Capitol Update is a periodic e-mail on legislative issues from the Wisconsin Catholic Conference.

Wisconsin Catholic Conference
131 W. Wilson St., Suite 1105
Madison, WI 53703
608/257-0004
www.wisconsinatholic.org
office@wisconsinatholic.org