

# WISCONSIN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

# CAPITOL UPDATE

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## Over 355 Attend *Catholics at the Capitol*

Catholics from around the state gathered at the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center on March 31, 2009, for the 5<sup>th</sup> biennial Catholic legislative day. Participants attended educational workshops, honed advocacy skills, and met with legislators to discuss issues of public policy concern. Advocacy materials, such as WCC issue briefs, *2009 Public Policy Positions*, and legislative directory, will soon be made available on the [Catholics at the Capitol 2009](#) page of the WCC website.

## WCC Testimony to Joint Finance Committee on Budget

In a [memo](#) to the Joint Finance Committee, WCC expressed its support and its opposition to a number of the Governor's budget provisions. The WCC has also prepared an [issue brief](#) on the budget to inform Catholics about provisions related to the poor and the vulnerable. Readers are encouraged to read both documents and to contact their legislators to advocate for the WCC's positions.

## Upcoming Hearings of Interest

(N.B. Only bills of interest are flagged. In most cases, committees will be considering other bills as well.)

### Senate Children and Families and Workforce Development

**10am, Wed., Apr. 15, 201 SE**

Discussion of the State Budget and the Department of Children and Families.

## New Bills of Interest

[SB-140](#). **Parental Rights** (Darling) Post termination of parental rights contact between a child and birth relative of the child. Disclosure of the report of an investigation of the home of a proposed adoptive parent on the request of the proposed adoptive parent. *To Judiciary, Corrections, Insurance, Campaign Finance Reform, and Housing.*

## 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
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