

## WISCONSIN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

# CAPITOL UPDATE

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### Wisconsin Bishops Issue Letter on Stem Cell Research

Wisconsin's bishops have issued a pastoral letter entitled, "Serving All and Sacrificing None," strongly affirming the value of scientific research and endorsing the practice of stem cell research when it does not involve the destruction of human embryos.

In addition to the letter, the bishops have authorized the publication of other educational materials, including a "Questions and Answers" publication and a 14-minute DVD to help inform parishioners on the science and ethics of stem cell research. They are sharing these with Catholic parishes and institutions across Wisconsin as part of a long-term educational effort.

The materials are available on the WCC website. Visit [www.wisconsinatholic.org](http://www.wisconsinatholic.org) to access the [Serving All and Sacrificing None](#) resources page.

### Catholics *at the Capitol* 2009

"Catholics *at the Capitol* 2009" will be held on Tuesday, March 31, 2009, at the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center in Madison, Wisconsin. Registration information will be provided via the *Capitol Update* and will be posted on the [WCC website](#) this fall.

### Discussions on Budget Repair Bill Continue

State Senate and Assembly leaders met with Governor Jim Doyle this week to try to reach an agreement on the budget repair bill. Due to lower than projected tax revenues, the State is likely to experience significant shortfalls in the coming months of a two-year budget cycle. The Governor and legislative leaders did not reach an agreement on how to resolve the State's budget issues, but talks continue.

The WCC will provide updates on the budget repair bill as they develop.

## Web Sites of Interest

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

- Who are my legislators

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

- 2008 Special Session Calendar
- Weekly Schedule of Committee Activities
- Senate and Assembly Daily Floor Calendar

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