

# Capitol Update

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## **Government Accountability Board Issues Primary Recall Rules**

Wisconsin's first-ever statewide recall primary, with redistricting and the litigation over the voter identification law, may raise a number of questions for voters. To clarify the rules that will govern the May 8 recall primary, the state's Government Accountability Board (GAB) issued a [press release](#) on April 23. The release explains early and absentee voting, voter ID, crossing party lines, write-in votes, recall districts and municipalities, proof of residence, polling places, and sample ballots. The GAB website provides regular updates on the recall process: <http://gab.wi.gov/elections-voting/recall>.

*Update* readers are encouraged to consult the WCC website's [Faithful Citizenship 2010](#) voter education page for resources on Catholic teaching: 1) a joint letter from the bishops of Wisconsin; 2) the latest edition of the WCC *Guidelines for Church Involvement in Electoral Politics*; and 3) a question card that voters can use when questioning candidates running for state office.

## **USCCB Issues Bulletin Inserts on Religious Liberty**

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has launched a series of parish bulletin inserts that will address a wide range of issues, from religious liberty to the Church's teaching on human sexuality and openness to new human life. Some of these will simply be catechetical, while others will encourage parishioners to take some needed action. The first insert is now available for parish distribution from the end of April through the end of May. Entitled [Religious Liberty, The Most Cherished of American Freedoms](#) [[Spanish version](#)], it encourages parishioners to send an email message to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Additional materials and future inserts can be found on the USCCB conscience protection page: [www.usccb.org/conscience](http://www.usccb.org/conscience).

**Save the Date: Catholics at the Capitol, April 10, 2013**

Every two years, the WCC hosts *Catholics at the Capitol* when hundreds of Catholics from around the state come to Madison for a day of formation and legislative advocacy. This day-long event will take place at the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center in Madison, Wisconsin, on Wednesday, April 10, 2013.

The WCC invites everyone to take advantage of this unique opportunity to pray with fellow Catholics, learn about issues related to Catholic social teaching, and visit with legislators and policy makers in the State Capitol. Please mark your calendars now and “save the date” for *Catholics at the Capitol 2013*.

### **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>

- 2011-12 Session Schedule
- Weekly Schedule of Committee Activities
- Senate and Assembly Daily Floor Calendar

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