



WISCONSIN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

TESTIMONY ON ASSEMBLY BILL 206: “CHOOSE LIFE” LICENSE PLATES

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The Wisconsin Catholic Conference (WCC) supports Assembly Bill 206, which would permit Wisconsin residents to obtain special license plates with the words “Choose Life.” The proceeds from the sale of these plates would support the state’s pregnancy care centers.

Wisconsin already has a “Celebrate Children” license plate, which raises money for early childhood development; a “Donate Life” plate, which promotes life-saving organ donation; and a Wisconsin Women’s Health Foundation plate, which promotes education and community-based health programs for women and children.

The “Choose Life” plate would likewise help women and children in our state by making more resources available to them. Pregnancy help centers provide a range of services depending on their focus, but all are committed to empowering women who choose life for their children.

Just as the Catholic Church advances the dignity of each human person by advocating on behalf of the hungry, the homeless, the uninsured, the migrant, so too she supports assisting pregnant and parenting women who face day-to-day challenges securing clothing, diapers, formula, cribs, car seats, etc. for their children.

We therefore urge you to support this bill.