



## WISCONSIN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

TO: Members, Assembly Committee on Children and Families

FROM: Barbara Sella, Associate Director

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RE: Assembly Bill 287—Adoption Tax Credit

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The Wisconsin Catholic Conference strongly supports Assembly Bill 287, which establishes a state adoption tax credit.

One does not have to be affluent in order to be a good parent. Yet, too often a certain level of affluence is necessary in order to afford adoption. A tax credit such as this can make the process far more affordable for those families who open up their hearts and their homes to children born both domestically and abroad.

It is also important to continue to seek policies that help birth parents find stable, loving homes for their children if they are unable to raise them themselves. Birth parents facing a crisis pregnancy who may be considering placing their child for adoption deserve the reassurance that the citizens of Wisconsin value the well-being of their children.

We strongly urge you to advance this bill.