



# Minnesota voters will have the chance to decide the future of marriage on November 6, 2012

The **Minnesota Marriage Protection Amendment**, which asks voters  
*“Shall the Minnesota constitution be amended to provide that only a union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Minnesota?”* places the traditional definition of marriage  
– one man and one woman – into our state constitution.

**It is essential for all voters to *vote YES on November 6th*  
as Minnesota law requires ballot questions that are left blank  
to be counted as NO votes.**

**Take the pledge to vote YES  
on the Marriage Protection Amendment today.  
The failure to vote is the same as voting NO.**

Minnesota For Marriage is a broad coalition of leaders, both inter-faith and people outside the religious community, who support the Minnesota Marriage Protection Amendment and asked the Legislature to place it on the ballot. These leaders have assembled a campaign to ensure this amendment passes.

The Minnesota Catholic Conference (MCC) is a member of the Minnesota for Marriage coalition. It is the public policy voice of the Catholic Church in Minnesota. MCC supports the ministry of our state’s Catholic bishops by working with political and community leaders to: shape legislation that serves human dignity and the common good; educate Catholics and the public about the ethical and moral framework that should be applied to public policy; and, mobilize the Catholic community to make its voice heard in the public square.



Visit [www.MinnesotaForMarriage.com](http://www.MinnesotaForMarriage.com) for more information.



MINNESOTA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

**The time is now to stand up for marriage!**

## REASONS WHY CATHOLICS SUPPORT MARRIAGE AS “ONE MAN, ONE WOMAN”



- ~ We don't want to teach the next generation by our actions that one-half of humanity—mothers or fathers, women or men—are dispensable and unimportant. Children are already bombarded with confusing messages about sexuality.
- ~ Marriage is about what kids need, not what adults want.
- ~ It has always been about connecting men and women and uniting them with any children born from their union. That's what marriage is.
- ~ People with same-sex attraction *should* be afforded their basic civil rights, but no one has a 'right' to redefine marriage.
- ~ The MN marriage protection amendment is important to help ensure that politicians and judges don't change the meaning of marriage today and, most importantly, for our children in the future.

Visit the *Unique for a Reason: Why Marriage Matters* blog ([marriagematters.mncc.org](http://marriagematters.mncc.org)) to hear from fellow Minnesota “Catholics in the pew” about why they support preserving and promoting marriage.