



Minnesota Catholic Conference  
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Dear Minnesota Catholic Conference,

On November 6, 2012, the citizens of our country will exercise our right as citizens and elect leaders to do the business of the people in government. It is a time of prayer and reflection for all of us about the candidates for office and proposals that are before us.

Today, I write to you, to ask your support for a very significant issue faced by our fellow citizens in Minnesota. I ask that you vote "YES" for the Amendment to our Constitution in the State of Minnesota, that upholds the definition of marriage, as the union of one man and one woman. All the Catholic Bishops, in the State of Minnesota, are united in their support for the Marriage Amendment.

Marriage is unique and is unlike any other relationship or friendship, because it is from the union of a husband and wife, come children. The future of our society passes through the family, and the family is the foundation and building block of society.

It is important to note that here in Minnesota, election law requires that a constitutional amendment must be passed by a majority of voters. If you leave the ballot box blank, it counts as a "No" vote.

Many Minnesotans of various backgrounds and religious faiths have formed Minnesota for Marriage ([minnesotaformarriage.com](http://minnesotaformarriage.com)) which is the official campaign organization to promote the passage of the Marriage Amendment. Enclosed is a pre-addressed envelope, if you wish to make a donation or go online, at [minnesotaformarriage.com/donate](http://minnesotaformarriage.com/donate).

Most of all, please pray each day and if possible, pray before the Blessed Sacrament and ask the Holy Spirit for guidance and courage.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. John M. Quinn  
Bishop of Winona

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