

# STOP THE REDEFINITION OF MARRIAGE IN MINNESOTA

[ *Tell your lawmakers: "Don't mess with marriage!"* ]

Legislation to redefine marriage (legalizing gay "marriage") has passed out of committee hearings in both the Minnesota House and Senate. It could be voted on by both legislative chambers and passed at any time, forever changing marriage in Minnesota. Gov. Dayton has promised to sign this legislation if it reaches his desk.

We know that marriage's essential public purpose is to help protect a child's fundamental right to be known and cared for by his or her mom and dad, to whatever extent possible. In the public square, marriage is a reality that binds a

man and a woman to any children born from their union. Not all marriages have children, but all children have a mom and a dad. And while there are many types of valuable, loving relationships, marriage is more.

All citizens, including Catholics, should care about the government's treatment and definition of marriage because civil authorities are charged with promoting the well-being of children and the broader common good, and traditional marriage is indispensable for both purposes.

*"Let's not be naive, we're not talking about a simple political battle; it is a destructive pretension against the plan of God. We are not talking about a mere bill, but rather a machination of the Father of Lies that seeks to confuse and deceive the children of God."*

**– Pope Francis**  
*Jorge Mario Cardinal Bergoglio*

**CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATOR TODAY SO THAT YOUR VOICE CAN BE HEARD!**

**[Tell your legislators: "Don't erase the importance of mothers and fathers from Minnesota public policy. Vote 'no' on HF 1054/SF 925."]**



**Here's HOW to do it.** Go to [www.mncc.org](http://www.mncc.org), click on the MN Catholic Advocacy Network icon in the right corner, then click on the link that says "Tell lawmakers not to mess with marriage in Minnesota!" under the "Advocacy" tab. Here you'll find your legislators' contact information and an e-mail form that quickly sends a message to all of them with a simple click of the button!

## MORE TALKING POINTS

I encourage you to preserve marriage in Minnesota by saying:

1. "No" to putting the desires of a small group of adults ahead of the most basic right of every child, which is to have a mom and a dad;
2. "No" to eliminating in law the only institution that combines the biological, legal, and social aspects of parenthood into one lasting bond;
3. "No" to wasting legislative resources for years to come to deconstruct the most important social institution for fostering the well-being of children, families, and society; and,
4. "No" to a legislative act that will lead to the suppression of the authentic rights and liberties of those who object to "same-sex marriage."

Remind legislators that more than 1.4 million Minnesotans voted to secure the definition of marriage as one man/one woman in our state last November, and thousands more agree that genderless "marriage" isn't good for Minnesota. Encourage them to vote "no."

*[ As Catholics, we believe that God is the author of marriage. We are called to act with justice and defend the very heart of the family. We must act with love, in all things. ]*

***"At stake is the identity and survival of the family: father, mother and children. At stake are the lives of many children who will be discriminated against in advance, and deprived of their human development given by a father and a mother and willed by God. At stake is the total rejection of God's law engraved in our hearts."***

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