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Press Release

Iowa Catholic Conference supports marriage amendment to Iowa's constitution

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The Iowa Catholic Conference, at its regular board meeting earlier this week, approved a statement supporting the amendment of Iowa's constitution to define marriage as being between one man and one woman.

The Iowa Catholic Conference is the public policy organization of the Catholic Church in Iowa. Its Board of Directors, chaired by Dubuque Archbishop Jerome Hanus, OSB, consists of the Catholic bishops of Iowa and a board of lay people, priests, a deacon and religious sisters.

"Marriage between a man and a woman is a good from the perspectives of both natural law and our Catholic faith," the statement reads. "Society has chosen to protect and promote marriage because of its unique contribution to the common good."

In addition, the statement says that social engineering by judges or a legislature adds to the confusion about the good that marriage offers to society, and weakens the critical relationship between marriage and parenting.

The Iowa Catholic Conference also approved its 2008 legislative agenda, which can be found at www.iowacatholicconference.org.
