



MINNESOTA MARRIAGE AMENDMENT: WHAT YOU CAN DO!

PRAY:

- For a renewed culture of marriage in the Church and society; marriage needs to be strengthened, not redefined
- For success of the 2012 Marriage Protection Amendment, and that God gives us the resources we need to get our message out
- For bishops and all clergy, that they stand firm with principled and compassionate leadership on this issue
- That the minds and hearts of Minnesotans may be open to our message
- That civility and respect may guide our discourse
 - Promote Prayer and Fasting at:
 - a. Eucharistic adoration, Altar and Rosary Society, Holy Name Society
 - b. Mass petitions, homilies, Prayers of the Faithful, and Church bulletins

EDUCATE:

- Put together a parish Marriage Team with other volunteers to coordinate educational and *Get Out the Vote* activities in your parish (and coordinate with MCC and *MN for Marriage*)
- Consider joining efforts with nearby parishes and churches to co-sponsor events
- Host educational events:
 - a. Visit MCC marriage amendment resource page for Church teaching, frequently-asked questions, other resources (<http://www.mncc.org/issues/marriage>)
 - b. Visit MCC's new *Unique for a Reason/Marriage Matters* blog and [Facebook Page](#)
 - c. Nuts and bolts about the marriage amendment (what it is, what it does, what marriage is, why it is important to society, and what the consequences are if it is redefined)
 - d. Use USCCB videos (*Made for Each Other; Made for Life; www.foryourmarriage.org*) and other resources
 - e. Sponsor information table with marriage literature and sign up volunteers for *MN for Marriage* after Masses or at local/Diocesan-wide events (booth kits, signage, and materials available)
 - f. Have guest speakers (MCC is putting together a speaker's bureau)
 - g. Plan house parties/picnics/coffees in people's homes

ACTION:

- Write letters to the editor or op-eds in the local newspapers; comment on blogs
- Encourage others to join the *MFM* campaign (Minnesotaformarriage.com) and become a volunteer
- Ask your parish to make a financial contribution to MCC for marriage efforts
- Enlist the help of your Knights of Columbus, CCW chapters, and Respect Life groups for special projects
- Attend diocesan-sponsored educational events about marriage and the responsibilities of faithful citizenship
- Help with [Drive for Five](#) effort, voter registration and ID, phone calling, door knocking, distributing materials

*These are just some of the activities entrepreneurial people in the parishes can put together with their pastors.
MCC stands ready to help you! Thank you and God bless your efforts.*

"Be Not Afraid" – Blessed John Paul II the Great