

Archdiocese of Detroit

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A Teachable Moment for Michigan

Cardinal Maida on the Definition of Marriage in State Constitution

As indicated by the web site www.protectmarriageyes.org, on Monday afternoon, July 5th, petition signatures were submitted in Lansing to put before the voters of Michigan the question of defining marriage in the State Constitution. Detroit's archbishop, Cardinal Adam Maida, who signed the petition, extends his gratitude to those who gathered the petition signatures and makes the following statement:

“As a spiritual leader, this presents itself as a teachable moment for my fellow Catholics and for all people of good will. As a citizen of Michigan, this offers a unique opportunity to secure the definition of marriage for the good of our society, for our families, and, most importantly, for future generations.”

— **Cardinal Adam Maida**
Archbishop of Detroit
Monday, 5th July 2004

If approved by state officials, the ballot proposal will go before Michigan voters in November. Cardinal Maida has also written to U.S. Senators Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow to encourage their support of the Federal Marriage Amendment to be considered later this month.

Additional resource materials and reactions on this issue are available on the archdiocesan web site at www.AODonline.org.