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BISHOP CONLON ADDRESSES PRESIDENT OBAMA'S DECISION ON MARRIAGE.

President Obama's decision to endorse a redefinition of marriage is another significant step by government leaders in our country to weaken marriage. Rather than viewing marriage as an essential building block of society, especially for the benefit of children, the president and others seem to think that marriage is a private matter to be defined and arranged any way that suits individuals. In addition, the president justifies his position on marriage with an oversimplified interpretation of one verse of the New Testament, while ignoring the rest of the Bible on the subject of marriage, as well as three millennia of Judeo-Christian tradition.

Preserving the understanding of marriage as the union of a man and a woman is no more today a sign of discrimination than it ever has been. It is simply recognition that men and women are different, and that difference makes a true union of persons, in all its dimensions, possible.

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