

**The Supreme Court** has tragically declared that states must issue marriage licenses to two persons of the same sex and recognize same sex “marriages” that were contracted in another state.

This broad, adverse ruling redefines marriage in the law throughout the entire country, changing thousands of laws regarding marriage, family and children and threatening religious freedom in numerous ways. “Regardless of what a narrow majority of the Supreme Court may declare at this moment in history, the nature of the human person and marriage remains unchanged and unchangeable.” -Archbishop Kurtz, President of the USCCB



## WHAT YOU CAN DO

### PRAY, FAST, SACRIFICE

The Bishops have encouraged Catholics to participate in a **Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty**. Visit [www.usccb.org/pray](http://www.usccb.org/pray) to learn more and commit to praying and fasting for life, marriage, and religious liberty.



### ADVOCATE FOR MARRIAGE

#### **Don't be afraid to talk about it.**

Be a witness for the truth of marriage. Take advantage of opportunities to speak about it kindly with family, friends, neighbors or co-workers. Be prepared for false charges of discrimination and to respond with the following truths in charity.

#### **What is marriage?**

Marriage is the permanent and exclusive union of one man and one woman, for the good of the spouses and for the procreation and education of children.

#### **One man, one woman, for life.**

#### **The difference is the difference.**

Men and women are equal and different. Sexual difference is essential to marriage and raising children. Ignoring or removing “the difference is... the problem, not the solution” (Pope Francis).

#### **Mothers and fathers matter.**

They aren't interchangeable. While single parents and others raising children often make heroic sacrifices and deserve support, society should also affirm every child's basic, natural right to come from and be raised in the loving marital union of his or her own father and mother.