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Voters Deserve Better

Cardinal Maida on the Definition of Marriage in State Constitution

Members of the Board of State Canvassers blocked a proposed state constitutional ban on same-sex marriage from the November ballot. Supporters plan to address that action with the Michigan Court of Appeals. As indicated by the web site www.protectmarriageyes.org, on Monday, 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, makes the following statement on the most recent developments:

"As someone who signed the petition, I am disappointed that my fellow citizens of Michigan must now wait and go through yet another step put this question before the voters. I am hopeful that the courts will, indeed, place Proposal 2 on the ballot, where it belongs. Election Day— November 2nd— should provide the opportunity to secure the definition of marriage for the good of our society, for our families, and for future generations." "

— **Cardinal Adam Maida**
Archbishop of Detroit
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If so ordered by the court,, the ballot proposal will go before Michigan voters in November. In July, Cardinal Maida wrote to U.S. Senators Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow to encourage their support of the Federal Marriage Amendment. The merits of that proposal, however, were not voted on by lawmakers in Washington.

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