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Archbishop Listecki Testifies on Statutes of Limitations Waiver
On January 12, Milwaukee Archbishop Jerome E. Listecki testified in opposition to Senate Bill 319 before the Senate Judiciary, Corrections, Insurance, Campaign Finance Reform and Housing Committee. SB 319, like its companion bill AB 453, would temporarily remove the statute of limitations for child sexual abuse cases and permit civil suits, no matter how old, to be brought in court against both alleged perpetrators and their employers. The bill would also permanently remove the statute of limitations for future civil actions.

Please contact Members of the Legislature and urge opposition to both SB 319 and AB 453. Emphasize the inherent inequity of this legislation and its potential impact on parishioners and current Church employees who are not culpable for wrongdoing committed decades ago. To find contact information for your Wisconsin State Representative or Senator, visit our WCC E-Advocacy webpage and enter your zip code, or call the State Legislative Hotline, 1-800-362-9472.

WCC Circulates Information on Sex Education Bill
The WCC is circulating an Issue Brief and Q&A urging parents and other concerned citizens to oppose the so-called “Healthy Youth Act” (AB 458 and SB 324), which mandates that only “comprehensive sex education” can be used in Wisconsin’s schools, thereby undermining parental involvement and local control. As previously reported, AB 458 passed the Assembly last year, while SB 324, having received a public hearing, remains in the Senate Education Committee. Readers are urged to contact their Senators to urge that neither bill be advanced. Senators can be contacted either by calling the State Legislative Hotline, 1-800-362-9472, or visiting our WCC E-Advocacy webpage and entering your zip code.

New Bills of Interest
Web Sites of Interest
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