

**Iowa Catholic Conference statement on proposed amendment  
on abortion to the Constitution of the State of Iowa, January 6, 2020**

We support an Iowa constitutional amendment to clarify that a right to abortion is not guaranteed by the State of Iowa Constitution.

The Iowa Supreme Court, in a June 2018 decision, struck down the law requiring a three-day waiting period before an abortion is performed. In pursuit of that decision, the Court claimed that the Iowa Constitution provided for a fundamental right to abortion.

Such a claim is groundless, given that for 115 years the same State of Iowa Constitution served as the basis for a legislative ban on abortion except to save the life of a mother.

The dignity of the human person is the foundation of our moral vision for society. We recognize that each person is created in the image and likeness of God. Hence, direct attacks on innocent persons are never acceptable. This is why abortion is such an important issue.

We believe it is important to make this amendment to the Iowa Constitution. This is a question of the common good. We can help pregnant women in need, the men who fathered those children, and families in distress without recourse to the violence of abortion.

**Most Rev. Michael Jackels**

Archbishop of Dubuque

**Most Rev. R. Walker Nickless**

Bishop of Sioux City

**Most Rev. Thomas Zinkula**

Bishop of Davenport

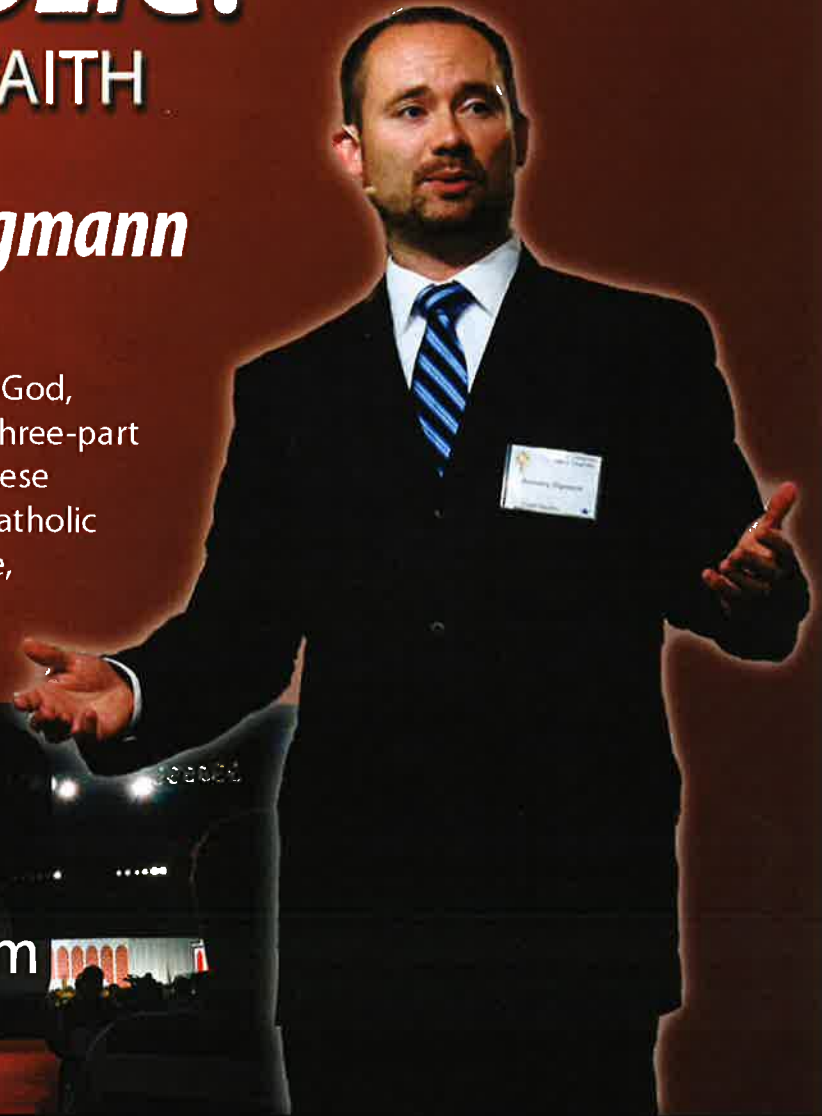
**Most Rev. William Joensen**

Bishop of Des Moines

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-Most Rev. Michael O. Jackels, S.T.D.,  
Archbishop of Dubuque

"Anthony's knowledge was outstanding. All I heard at the receptions following each night of Anthony's "Why God? Why Christian? Why Catholic?" talks was how much the congregation enjoyed it and how it gave them a deeper connection to their faith. I highly recommend Anthony as a presenter for parish missions and workshops."  
-Fr. Paul Baldwin, Pastor of Sacred Heart and St. Luke Parishes,  
Monticello and Hopkinton, IA.

"Anthony Digmann was a fantastic and powerful speaker. He spoke to an inter-generational audience of 6th graders through those over 80, and all took away important points from his presentations "Why God?" and "Why Christianity?" The students were especially interested as they were studying some of those same topics in their science classes."  
-Martin Ahrndt, Director of Faith Formation, Christ Our Hope Cluster,  
Lawler, IA.

# **Date Night**

**"United in Love, United in Christ"**

***Forgiveness: A Marriage Rich in Mercy***

This great gift is from God and can help us to be better forgivers.

**Saturday, February 1**

St. Cecilia Social Hall

6:15pm – Gather and meal

6:45pm – Topic – "*Forgiveness: A Marriage Rich in Mercy*"

8:30pm – Have a blessed night!

**All adults from the area are invited to attend.  
Married, engaged or single, please come.**

Please RSVP for meal and/or childcare  
by emailing [DateNight@stceciliaparish.org](mailto:DateNight@stceciliaparish.org) or  
call or text Deacon Ron @ 515-441-0480  
by February 1

*Please join us, even if your schedule opens up at the last minute.*

*Our next gathering will be March 7*

(Donations accepted for the meal/childcare.)