

## 82 FORMER MINNESOTA PRIESTS SUPPORT GAY MARRIAGE

**As former Catholics priests who collectively devoted 1,026 years of service to the Church, we support revision of state statutes to make available to same same-sex couples all the rights and duties which are awarded a man and a woman when they contract marriage in the State of Minnesota.**

**We believe it is time to eliminate language that discriminates against a good number of our fellow citizens. State law should allow every individual to exercise the right to marry the person that he or she loves.**

**We call on all people of good will to support this enterprise. In particular, we call upon all members of the Minnesota House and Senate to address this subject in a timely manner.**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Yrs*</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Yrs*</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Yrs*</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Yrs*</u>
John Battiola	7	Jack Flaherty	20	Dan Moga	16	Jim Smith	15
Eugene Beniek	8	Peter Fleming	13	Paul Mohrbacher	16	Ray Spack	15
Charles Bloss	5	Dave Gair	5	Bill Moore	7	Michael Summerfield	13
John Braun	13	Norbert Gernes	10	George Moudry	16	Tom Sweeney	21
Leo Bulger	3	Charles Grant	12	Paul Newpower	25	Larry Thomas	10
Richard Burbach	23	Myron Helget	10	Rufus North	6	Dick Thurner	15
John Burns	14	Timothy Hodapp	12	James O'Leary	10	Clarence Vavra	38
Ed Chmielewski	17	Tom Hooley	15	Martin Olsen	13	Dave Vinck	12
Tom Christian	6	Ron Hopfensberger	14	Elmer Pierre	9	Jim Whelen	8
Tom Coleman	11	Wayne Hornicek	6	Charles Pilon	8	Brian Willette	10
Don Conroy	12	Bob Johnson	28	Richard Podvin	17	Ron Wunderlin	3
John Cowan	8	Jerry Kegler	14	John Pribyl	4	Jerome Zetah	3
Adam Crabtree	5	Frank Kenney	14	John Reardon	11	Tom Oswald	14
Fred Cussler	29	Kevin Kenney	10	Joe Reid	4		
Pat Dooley	10	Robert W. Kline	11	Bob Reinkober	7		
Bill Dorn	7	Ed Kohler	15	Bill Rose	6		
Dick Dorr	16	Jim Leith	23	Jim Rummel	14		
Robert Duffy	25	Bob Loftus	14	Gerry Sande	8		
Jogues Epple	10	Joe Lutgen	3	Mark Scannell	15		
John Estrem	23	Dick McCarthy	12	Barry Schade	3		
Doug Fiola	10	Chuck MacDonald	11	James Scully	7		
Jim Fitzpatrick	10	Gary Meitz	6	Joe Selvaggio	11		
Ed Flahaven	48	Bob Minton	12	Nathan Simmons	6		

*\* Numbers indicate number of years served prior to resignation from active ministry.*

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