

"We must support traditional marriage as the source of our civilization, the foundation for a society that can be home to all human beings, and the reflection of our relationship with God."

—Statement of the California Catholic bishops, August 1, 2008

YES ON PROPOSITION 8

The text of Proposition 8 is simply:

"ONLY MARRIAGE BETWEEN A MAN AND A WOMAN IS VALID OR RECOGNIZED IN CALIFORNIA."

A **YES** vote on Proposition 8 does three things:

- ✓ Restores the definition of marriage in California
God himself is the author of marriage. The vocation to marriage is written in the very nature of man and woman as they came from the hand of the Creator.
- ✓ Overturns the decision of the California Supreme Court
On May 15, 2008 the Court ruled that to deny marriage to individuals of the same sex was unconstitutional. This radical change discounts the biological reality of marriage, how deeply embedded it is in our culture, language and laws and redefines it to just mean a contractual agreement of partnership.
- ✓ Secures parental rights to teach children about marriage
If the Supreme Court ruling stands, public schools will have to teach children that there is no difference between traditional marriage and "gay marriage."



A YES vote on Proposition 8 **DOES NOT:**

Take away any rights or benefits from gay or lesbian domestic partners.
Under California's domestic partners law (Family Code §297.5) they have rights and benefits identical to those of spouses.