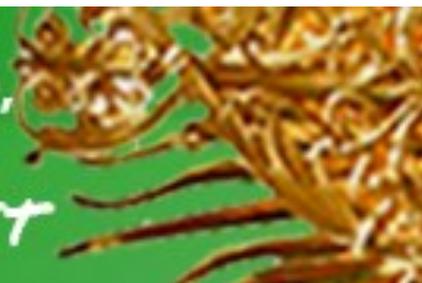




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April 12: Friday Fast

Intention:

For the justices of the Supreme Court, that they would respect the authentic meaning of marriage by upholding the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA).

Did you know?

The Defense of Marriage Act, or DOMA, was passed in 1996 with strong bipartisan support. DOMA defines marriage as the union of one man and one woman for the purposes of federal law, and ensures that states will not be forced to recognize so-called same-sex "marriages" enacted in other states. The part of DOMA that defines marriage is currently under review by the Supreme Court, with a decision expected by June. The USCCB urges the Supreme Court to uphold DOMA (see January 2013 [amicus brief](#)).

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Reflection:

The following are key quotes from the USCCB [amicus brief](#) in the case *United States v. Windsor*, about the Defense of Marriage Act, which is currently being reviewed by the Supreme Court.

"There is no fundamental right to marry a person of the same sex" (p. 2).

"For well over a century, this Court has held that marriage is a fundamental right, but those decisions, which expressly reference the link between marriage and procreation, make clear that by 'marriage,' the Court means the union of one man and one woman" (pp. 8-9).

"If this Court were to conclude that the Constitution requires a redefinition of marriage to include persons in same-sex relationships...it is unclear where the logical stopping point would be. This Court will ultimately be asked why other interpersonal relationships are not entitled to similar inclusion, and why other 'barriers' to marriage (such as those posed by youth, kinship, or multiplicity of parties) should not also have to be struck down as inconsistent with this redefinition" (p. 20).

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