

## RECENT NEWS & NOTES – LEGISLATION

Wisconsin Catholic Conference: Kim Wadas was named Executive Director of the WCC upon the retirement of John Huebscher.

**SB Wisconsin Act 151:** Governor Scott Walker signed this bill into law. The bill requires the Department of Health Services to apply for funds under Title X. Title X funds are used to provide family planning and related preventive health services for low-income women and men. The bill prohibits public entities from distributing funds to any private, non-profit entity that provides abortion services or has an affiliate that provides abortion services.

**Senate Bill 618 and companion Assembly Bill 737:** (Passed by Assembly and Senate) Awaits action by Governor Walker: Adds child sex trafficking to the definition of “abuse” in the Children’s Code so that sex trafficked children may receive services that are available to other victims of child abuse. Bill 737 would require that law enforcement refer child sex trafficking to a child protection agency for investigation.

Remember in all that we do we should be guided by the Seven Principles of Catholic Social Teaching. In this Year of Mercy, what can you do to show your mercy and follow the principles of Catholic Social Teaching?

### **Seven Principles of Catholic Social Teaching**

- Life and Dignity of the Human Person
- Family, Community and Participation
- Rights and Responsibilities
- Preferential Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
- Dignity of Work and the Rights of the Workers
- Solidarity
- Care for God’s Creation