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Dear Monsignor/Father:

Once again I ask your help on the matter of religious freedom. Connecticut Senate Bill 899 is currently being considered as the way to codify the Connecticut Supreme Court decision legalizing same sex marriage.

The bill does not, however, provide an adequate conscience exemption to protect religious freedom. As such, the bill violates the First Amendment Rights of individuals, religious organizations, and related societies.

I would appreciate your reading the enclosed pulpit announcement at all the Masses this weekend and enclosing the attached letter to our parishioners in the parish bulletins.

Please encourage our parishioners to call, email, and write our Senators and Representatives, requesting that they oppose Senate Bill 899. Enclosed is a list of information to assist in making these contacts.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Henry J. Mansell  
Archbishop of Hartford

Enclosures