

# Call to Action!

**Catholic Social Services of Southern Illinois** and the **Catholic Charities** agencies in Illinois are asking for your help. We are asking you to tell the Illinois government how you feel about Catholic agencies not being allowed to continue to provide foster care to over 2,000 needy children.

## What can you do?

**Let your voices be heard! Tell the State what you think about Catholic agencies not being allowed to follow Church teachings and provide foster care at the same time.**

**CALL** – Our elected officials. Tell them what’s important to you.

**EMAIL** – Elected officials and newspapers – share your thoughts and feelings electronically.

**WRITE** – Use the personal touch to share your views about Illinois refusing to contract with Catholic agencies for foster care services. Write either your elected officials or the newspapers.

## All we’re asking for them to do is -

- Protect religious liberties afforded under the Illinois Constitution and the U.S. Constitution (note that civil union couples will continue to be able to adopt and be in the foster care system even if our religious liberties are protected)
- Allow faith-based agencies to continue to provide efficient and quality care to the most vulnerable children in our state
- Respect the long-standing and effective public/private partnership between DCFS and faith-based organizations in providing child welfare services by allowing civil union couples to be referred to other agencies for licensing if they aren’t related to the foster child in need of care

**If you want or need more information, please call us at 618-394-5900 and say you want to know more about the Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Unions law. You’ll be put in touch with a person that can help you. Thank You!**