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**Statement from Bishop Robert E. Guglielmono Regarding
the Supreme Court's Decision on DOMA**

CHARLESTON, SC (June 26, 2013) - "I am very disappointed by the Supreme Court's decision today to strike down, in part, the federal Defense of Marriage Act. The high court has dealt a profound injustice to the American people.

"Marriage is a life-long commitment between a man and woman. It is the only union in which the husband and wife form a total communion of persons and serve as the foundation of the family. Marriage provides any child who comes from their union with the secure support of a mother and father; the difference between a mom and a dad matters. Moreover, marriage and the family are a vital part of society. Husbands and wives, fathers and mothers, perform an essential role by teaching family members and society the immense dignity of each human person and what it means to love and be loved. Marriage is a personal relationship with great public significance - not a private affair - that affects all in society.

"In spite of today's Supreme Court decision, the Church community will continue to stand together in promoting and defending marriage – the union between one man and one woman for life. I ask for prayers regarding this issue as we work to strengthen, support and safeguard marriage."

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