



Your Faith and Your Vote - Federal Races

The right to vote carries with it a responsibility to study and know the candidates. As citizens of faith, we are led to question, according to our foundational beliefs, how each candidate would address our nation's issues. There are moral and ethical dimensions to every public policy. However, issues carry different moral weight and urgency. Some involve matters of intrinsic evil that can never be supported, such as the direct and intentional destruction of innocent human life. Others involve an obligation to seek the common good.

The following questions are offered to assist in discerning where the congressional candidates (U.S. President, U.S. House of Representatives, and U.S. Senate) stand on issues concerning the protection of human life and the promotion of a just society.

To obtain more information, go to www.yourfaithyourvote.org or contact the North Dakota Catholic Conference (1-888-419-1237).

Where Does the Federal Candidate Stand On:

Human Life

- Protecting unborn human life from abortion and committing federal resources to ending abortion?
- Prohibiting the use of federal funds to pay for or provide insurance coverage for abortions?
- Prohibiting the use of federal funds for research that destroys human embryos (e.g., embryonic stem-cell research)?
- Ending funding for Planned Parenthood?
- Abolishing the death penalty?

Religious Liberty

Allowing individuals and businesses, including religious organizations, to offer services to the public in accordance with their religious beliefs?

Immigrants and Refugees

- Legislation that ensures the integrity of our borders, fosters family reunification, and provides a path to citizenship for undocumented who do not have a criminal record?
- Providing safe havens for properly-vetted refugees, regardless of race, nationality, or religious affiliation?

Health Care

Ensuring access to health care while respecting human life, human dignity, and religious freedom?

Economy

Budget policies with adequate revenues to put a circle of protection around programs that serve poor and vulnerable people at home and abroad?

Agriculture/Rural Development

Farm and rural programs that give priority to small and moderate-sized, family-owned-and-operated farms and ranches?

Foreign Policy and Security

- Linking decisions on U.S. military aid to a country's record on religious freedom and other basic human rights?
- Maintaining and increasing funding for poverty-focused development assistance to poor countries and communities?
- Ensuring governmental compliance with moral limits on the use of military force and a ban on the use of torture?

Education

Policies that enable parents to choose the best educational setting for their children?

False Gender Ideology

Opposing policies that force government agencies, businesses, charities, and schools to accept false gender ideologies?