

Four Principles of Catholic Social Teaching*

The central and enduring themes of Catholic social teaching are organized under four principles that provide a moral framework for decisions in public life.

The Dignity of the Human Person



Human life is sacred. The dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. Direct attacks on innocent persons are never morally acceptable. In our society, the gravest example is abortion. Euthanasia, assisted suicide, human cloning, in vitro fertilization and the destruction of embryos for research are others. Protecting the dignity of life

also includes overcoming poverty, ending use of the death penalty, and opposing racism, torture, unjust war, human trafficking and all activities that contribute to the "throwaway culture" identified by Pope Francis.

The Common Good



The common good is achieved when social conditions allow people to reach their fulfillment more fully and easily. It upholds the fundamental right to life, which makes all other rights possible. It asserts the right to food, shelter, education, employment, health care, housing, freedom of religion and conscience, and family life. It requires an economy that serves people,

not the other way around. It calls on employers to uphold the dignity and rights of workers by offering productive work, decent and just wages, adequate security in their old age, the choice of whether to organize and join unions, and the opportunity for legal status for immigrant workers. Workers should contribute a fair day's work for a fair day's pay, treat employers and co-workers with respect, and contribute to the common good. This principle requires we protect and care for all of God's creation, especially the most vulnerable among us, and the earth, our common home.

Subsidiarity



The human person is social. The family is the fundamental building block of society, based on marriage between a man and a woman, a sanctuary for creation and nurturing of children. Policies and programs should defend, strengthen and respect this foundational unit and uphold parents' rights and responsibilities to care for and educate their children.

Further, every person and association has a right and duty to actively shape society and promote the well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable. Subsidiarity means that society's larger institutions should not overwhelm or interfere with smaller or local ones. These larger institutions are obliged, however, to protect human dignity and meet human needs when smaller institutions cannot adequately do so.

Solidarity



We are one human family, despite our national, racial, ethnic, economic and ideological differences, called to love our neighbor as ourselves. We must work to eradicate poverty, disease and racism, and welcome immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers who are seeking employment, safety, education and a better life for their families. Solidarity requires preferential

concern for the poor. A basic moral test of any society is how it treats those who are most vulnerable. This preferential option for the poor and vulnerable includes all who are marginalized—unborn children, persons with disabilities, the elderly and terminally ill, victims of injustice and oppression, and immigrants.



Thank you for reviewing our Voter Guide!

We thank each candidate for their consideration and time responding. PCC made several attempts to contact all candidates through email and phone calls. All responses were the exact answers we received.

If you would like more information about candidates in your diocese, here are their websites.

Statewide

U.	S. Senate	At	Attorney General				
D	Bob Casey, Jrhttps://bobcasey.com	D	Eugene DePasqualehttps://www.depasqualeforag.com				
R	Dave McCormickhttps://www.davemccormickpa.com	R	Dave Sunday https://www.davesundayforag.com				
L	John C. Thomas bit.ly/3XEOwGo	L	Robert Cowburnhttps://cowburnforag.com				
G	Leila Hazouhttps://www.leilaforsenate.com	G	Richard Weisshttps://twitter.com/RichardLWeiss				
С	Marty Selker https://www.martyselkerforsenate.com	С	Justin Magillhttps://seventy.org/2024-voter-guide/ attorney-general/justin-magill				
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		F	Chris Fosterhttps://chrisfosterforpatreasurer.com				

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22	D	Joshua M. Siegelhttps://votejoshsiegel.com/	138	R	Ann L. Floodhttps://www.repannflood.com/
99	R	David H. Zimmermanhttps://repzimmerman.com/	176	D	Hope E. Christmanhttps://www.facebook.com/Hope4PA176/
107	R	Joanne Carol Stehrhttps://www.repstehr.com/	176	R	Jack B. Rader, Jrhttps://www.reprader.com/
108	R	Micheal A.K. Stender https://repstender.com/	183	D	Joseph W. Lenzihttps://seventy.org/2024-voter-guide/state-
116	D	Deborah L. Adoffhttp://debadoff.com/			representative/joseph-lenzi
116	R	Dane Jeffrey Watrohttps://www.repwatro.com/	183	R	Zachary Allen Makohttps://www.repmako.com/
122	R	Doyle Heffleyhttps://www.repheffley.com/	187	D	Stefanie Rafeshttps://www.votestefrafes.com/
123	D	Micheal Zvalarenhttps://www.mzv4123.com/meet-mike	187	R	Gary W. Dayhttps://www.transparencyusa.org/pa/
123	R	Timothy F. Twardzikhttps://www.reptimtwardzik.com/			candidate/gary-day
124	D	Tina M. Burnshttps://www.burns4pa.com/			
124	R	James A. Bartonhttps://www.repbarton.com/	Sena	ate	
126	D	Jacklyn H. Rusnockhttps://voterusnock.com/	11	D	Judith Schwankhttps://www.senatorschwank.com/
126	R	James Oswaldbit.ly/JamesOswald	11	R	Lisha L. Rowehttps://lisharowe4pa.com
127	D	Manuel M. Guzmanhttps://www.pahouse.com/guzman/	13	R	Scott Martinhttps://senatorscottmartinpa.com/
128	R	Mark M. Gillenhttps://www.repgillen.com/	13	D	Trex Proffitthttps://www.trexforsenate.com
129	D	Johanny Cepeda-Freytiz https://johannycepeda-freytizforpa.com/	29	R	Dave Argallhttps://www.senatorargall.com
129	R	Susan Larkinhttps://www.susanlarkinforpa.com	29	D	John Zugarekhttps://www.jz4pa.com/
130	D	Rayne R. Reitnauerhttps://www.reitnauerforpa.com/			
130	R	David M. Maloneyhttps://www.repmaloney.com/	Con	gres	ssional
131	D	Meriam H. Sebihhttps://meriamforpa.com/	4	D	Madeline Deanhttps://mad4pa.com/
131	R	Milou Mackenziehttps://www.repmiloumackenziepa.com/	4	R	David Winklerhttps://winklerforpa4.com/
132	D	Mike Schlossberghttps://www.pahouse.com/Schlossberg/	-	n D	Chrissy Houlahanhttps://houlahan.house.gov/
133	D	Jeanne M. McNeillhttps://www.pahouse.com/McNeill/	6		Neil Younghttps://neilyoung24.com/
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137	D	Anna R. Thomashttps://annarthomas.com/	9	R	Dan Meuserhttps://meuser.house.gov/
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House Races

District	County	Candidate	Party	Do you support utilizing public dollars to support agencies that deliver pregnancy support?	Do you support Pennsylvania's biggest statewide school choice program: the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC)?	What, if any, changes would you make to combat recidivism within the criminal justice system?	How can the state best combat human trafficking?	What are your ideas for combatting a lack of affordable housing?	How do you think the immigration system should be reformed and streamlined?	Attacks against members of faith communities continue to rise. What can PA do to protect religious liberty?
183	Lehigh County	Joseph William Lenzi	D	Yes	Yes					
99	Berks County	David H. Zimmerman	R	Yes	Yes	Help them find a job and monitor them closely and hold them accountable after prison.	Start by closing the border.	There will be no such thing as affordable housing until we roll back all the over regulation in the permitting and building industry.	Have everyone that comes to America follow the legal process already in place.	Stop implementing policies that pit individuals and groups against each other. Stop with the need to control and an attitude of I know best for you.
187	Lehigh County	Gary W. Day	R	Yes	Yes	Support for prisoners being released into communities.	Have the Catholic Conference take a more firm public policy position.	Help redevelopment authorities identify housing stock in need of redevelopment or maintenance and fund owner- occupied grants.	Follow law, make law to let more people in legally.	Catholic Conference meeting as asset itself to protect its own as they always stand firmly for other groups.

Senate Races

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13	Berks County	Scott Martin	R	Yes	Yes	Led PA and national recognized reentry initiatives as commissioner and in the juvenile system. Leading the Youth Intervention Center, we must continue to support behavioral health and substance abuse, housing issues, workforce training, or other needs. A holistic approach is the most effective.	Needs to financially support the efforts of county and attorney general human trafficking task force efforts. The state needs to keep strengthening laws to protect the victims of trafficking and to hold accountable the perpetrators of this heinous practice.	Must improve permitting system that makes project costs more expensive and longer to implement. We need to continue our commitment to tax credit programs. We also need to strengthen support for local elected officials to make tough decision to allow higher density housing in urban growth areas.	Immigration should only occur, and should be enforced, through processes established by law. Secondly, it's critical that we also address the workforce needs of this country to the levels that are needed in our country and make the process/vetting more expedited for all involved.	We need zero tolerance policies when it comes to attacks on religious liberty and use every tool possible to hold those accountable that attack others because of their faith. We need to continue to support efforts to financially support security for high-risk and threatened houses of worship.
11	Berks County	Lisha Rowe	R	Yes	Yes	The promotion of faith-based mental health care could be a significant tool.	Much of human trafficking is coming across the southern border. Enforcing the immigration laws that are already in place. Stricter penalties maybe. Supporting Christian outreach to vulnerable girls and boys could derail attempts on future victims.	Requiring planning boards of communities to include areas of affordable housing. Promoting trade schools rather than colleges would train people for better paying jobs, allowing for better opportunities to become a home owner. Elimination of property taxes would keep more money in workers' pockets.	I believe that if the pre-Covid immigration laws were followed, there would be less people illegally entering the U.S., and new immigrants would be documented and vetted. This would be safer for our communities.	PA could make faith communities more safe by enforcing strict punishments for faith-based hate crimes. PA should uphold the Constitution, which gives us the freedom to practice our faith.

Row Office Races

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Treasurer	Statewide Republican	Stacy Garrity	R	Yes	Yes	This sounds like a task ideally suited to the Church.	Protect the U.S. border and enforce immigration law.	Reduce regulations. Streamline permitting and inspections processes. Hold inspecting agencies accountable.	I believe that God has established the nations, and it is good for nations to protect their borders. The power to do that is rightly delegated to the federal government.	If the Church is boldly preaching the message of Christ in love, attacks are bound to happen. When they do, the law should be applied equally.

Congressional Races

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4	David Winkler	R	Yes	Help with finding and keeping a job. Programs like Toward Employment in Cleveland seem to work and should be supported.	By eliminating the incentives to cross in the first place—fully support ICE and CBP, strict penalties for the smugglers and traffickers.	I would fight for additional funding to federal programs such as the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC), Home Investment Partnerships Program, and Housing Choice Voucher Program to create more affordable housing.	I believe we should shift towards a merit-based immigration system that prioritizes individuals with valuable skills, education, and work experience to address specific labor shortages and promote economic growth.	Enforce the existing laws, including hate crime laws. Lower the political rhetoric that targets groups such as Catholics and Jewish people.



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