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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.

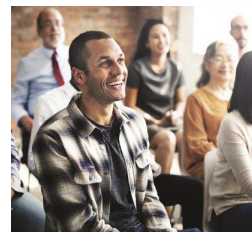
Subsidiarity



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.

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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

D Bob Casey, Jr. <https://bobcasey.com>
R Dave McCormick..... <https://www.davemccormickpa.com>
L John C. Thomas bit.ly/3XEOwGo
G Leila Hazou..... <https://www.leilaforsenate.com>
C Marty Selker <https://www.martyselkerforsenate.com>

Auditor General

R Tim DeFoor..... <https://www.defoor4pa.com>
D Malcolm Kenyatta <https://malcolmkenyatta.com>
L Reece Smith <https://www.votereece.com>
A Eric Anton..... (No Website)
C Bob Goodrich..... (No Website)

Attorney General

D Eugene DePasquale..... <https://www.depasqualeforag.com>
R Dave Sunday <https://www.davesundayforag.com>
L Robert Cowburn..... <https://cowburnforag.com>
G Richard Weiss..... <https://twitter.com/RichardLWeiss>
C Justin Magill <https://seventy.org/2024-voter-guide/attorney-general/justin-magill>
F Eric Settle <https://ericsettle4ag.com>

Treasurer

R Stacy Garrity <https://www.garrityforpa.com>
D Erin McClelland <https://erinmcclelland.com>
L Nickolas Ciesielski..... <https://nickcforpa.com>
C Troy Bowman (No Website)
F Chris Foster <https://chrisfosterfortreasurer.com>

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House

8	R	Aaron Joseph Bernstine	https://www.repbernstine.com/	30	L	William Baierl.....	(No Website)
11	R	Marci Mustello.....	https://www.repmustello.com/	32	D	Joseph M. McAndrew.....	https://www.pahouse.com/McAndrew/
11	D	Justin Konchar	https://www.vote4konchar.com	33	D	Mandy Steele	https://www.steeleforpa.com/
12	D	Robert L. Vigue	https://www.robvigueforpa.com/	33	R	Gary W. Lotz.....	https://www.garylutz.com/
12	R	Stephenie Scialabba.....	https://www.repscialabba.com/	34	D	Abigail Salisbury	https://salisburyforpa.com/
13	D	Cristian Luna	https://www.lunaforpa.com	35	D	Matthew R. Gergely	https://www.pahouse.com/mgergely/
13	R	John Lawrence.....	https://www.replawrence.com/	36	D	Jessica Benham.....	https://www.pahouse.com/benham/
14	D	Kenya Johns	https://www.kenyajohns.com/	36	L	Ross Sylvester	(No Website)
14	R	Roman Kozak.....	https://www.facebook.com/kozak4pa/	38	D	John Inglis.....	https://www.inforinglis.com/
15	D	Ashlee Caul	https://www.ashleecaul.com/	38	R	Stone Sobieralski	https://www.stoneforpa.com/
15	R	Joshua D. Kail	https://repkail.com/	39	D	Angela Girol.....	https://www.angela4pa.com/
16	D	Robert F. Matzie	https://www.pahouse.com/Matzie/	39	R	Andrew M. Kuzma	https://www.repkuza.com
16	R	Michael J. Perich.....	https://www.perichforpa.com/	40	R	Natalie Mihalek.....	https://nataliemihalek.com
17	R	Timothy R. Bonner	https://www.repbonner.com/	40	D	Peter Kohnke	(No Website)
19	D	Aerion A. Abney	https://www.pahouse.com/abney/	41	D	Brad Chambers.....	https://bradforpa.com
20	D	Emily Kinkad	https://www.emily4pa20.com/	41	R	Brett R. Miller	http://www.millerforpahouse.com
20	R	Matthew J. Kruth	https://www.mattkruth.com/	42	D	Dan Miller	https://votedanmiller.com
21	D	Lindsay Powell	https://www.lindsaypowellforpa.com/	42	R	Joe Leckenby.....	https://www.josephleckenby.com
23	D	Dan B. Frankel	https://www.pahouse.com/Frankel/	44	D	Hadley Haas.....	https://www.hadleyforpa.com/
24	D	Latasha D Mayes	https://www.latashaforpa.com/	44	R	Valerie S. Gaydos.....	https://votevaleriegaydos.com/
25	D	Brandon J. Markosek	https://www.pahouse.com/BMarkosek/	45	D	Anita Kulik	https://anitaastorinokulik.com/
25	R	John D. Ritter	https://www.facebook.com/p/Ritter-for-Rep-PA-25th-100069166690733/	45	R	James Julius	https://www.juliusforstaterep.com
27	D	Daniel J. Deasy	https://www.pahouse.com/Deasy/	46	D	Alexander Taylor.....	https://www.alexmtaylorforstaterep.com/
28	D	William A. Petulla	https://www.billpetulla.com/	46	R	Jason A. Ortity	https://reportity.com/
28	R	Jeremy K. Shaffer	https://www.voteshaffer.com/	48	R	Timothy O'Neal	https://www.reponeal.com/
30	D	Arvind Venkat	https://www.venkatforpa.com/	50	R	Donald Cook	https://www.repbudcook.com
30	R	Nathan J. Wolfe.....	https://wolfepa.com/	50	D	Drew R. Manko	(No Website)
				60	R	Abby Major.....	https://www.repabbymajor.com

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Senate

37 R Devlin Robinson <https://senatorrobinson.com/>
37 D Nicole Ruscitto <https://nicoleforpa.com/>
41 R Joe Pittman <https://senatorpittman.com>
43 D Jay Costa <https://senatorcosta.com/>
45 D Nick Pisciotto <https://www.nickforpa.com/>
45 R Jennifer Dintini <https://www.jenforsen.com/>
47 R Elder Vogel <https://www.senatoreldervogel.com/>
47 D Kate Lennen <https://www.kateforpa.com>

Congressional

12 R James Hayes <https://jameshayesforpa.com/>
12 D Summer Lee <https://summerforpa.com/>
14 D Chris Dziados <https://www.dziadosforcongress.com/>
14 R Guy Reschenthaler <https://reschenthaler.house.gov/>
16 R Mike Kelly <https://kelly.house.gov/>
16 D Preston Nouri <https://www.prestonforpa.com/>
17 D Chris Deluzio <https://chrisforpa.com/>
17 R Rob Mercuri <https://www.robmercuri.com/>



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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?
28		Jeremy Shaffer	R	Yes	Yes	I believe there is a strong value in work. We also have shortages of skilled employees in many fields. We should strive to teach non-violent offenders useful skills so that they can provide for themselves and their families and escape the cycle of crime.	We need to aggressively prosecute those involved with all phases of trafficking. We also need to support those organizations that actively combat it and help victims.	Local zoning rules and regulations can be confusing and costly, often preventing development where it can best meet affordable housing needs. By helping streamline regulations and providing targeted tax incentives, we can encourage more affordable housing units.	Our immigration system is deeply flawed and broken. We need to encourage people to enter through the legal system. That system should be reformed to target immigrants who have skills needed in our community.	Religious liberty is one of the important rights in our country. Any attacks based on religion should be fully prosecuted. I have and will continue to stand with all members of the community to protect any and all groups.
30	Allegheny County	Nathan J. Wolfe	R	Yes	Yes	As a member of law enforcement, I would like to see both job training and accountability for one's actions.	We MUST adopt a zero tolerance policy for human trafficking.	Job training for able-bodied people will greatly free up affordable housing for those with an inability to work.	The first action must first be to secure the border.	There should be a zero tolerance policy for such attacks. Attacking someone based on their religious beliefs is antisemitism and cannot be tolerated in a free society.
14	Beaver County	Roman Kozak	R	Yes	Yes	Investment in programs that support mental health treatment, nurse-family partnerships, crisis intervention and long-term drug treatment. We also need reentry programs that help to break down current barriers keeping individuals from redemption and the purpose found in employment and work.	By supplying law enforcement with the tools necessary to identify and prosecute this type of heinous crime. Educating the public on the topic is a crucial part of any effort made by the state.	Significant intervention from the federal government has caused inflated housing prices. I do not want more intervention to deal with problems intervention caused. However, tax credits at the state level for building new homes can be utilized to incentivize more development to meet the high demand.	As a state representative, I would not have the ability to vote on federal immigration policy. However, the immigration system is broken right now due to laws not being enforced and our border being in disarray.	Ensure that the rights granted to us in our state and federal constitutions are backed by state policy. We must work to elect good constitutionalist judges that will protect our liberty granted to us by God. Legislators must be public advocates for the protections of our country's first principles.

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20	Allegheny County	Matthew J. Kruth	R	Yes	Yes	As a teacher, I would ensure we have robust educational opportunities for anyone in the correctional system. Likewise, as a mentor to an incarcerated individual, I know the benefit of public/private and faith-based mentor programs and have seen how the benefit individuals post-release.	Increased awareness for the general public. Training and education for police. Strong penalties for human traffickers.	We need to look at a combined effort of tax incentives, rebates, and grants for homeowners and home builders. Additionally, boosting the property tax/rent rebate program already in effect. Local governments need to determine if mixed-use development is something that would benefit their communities.	We need to ensure our borders are secure and do so with compassion. Asylum seekers at points of entry should be documented so state and local authorities can be aware. We must also foster public-private relationships to ensure immigrants are taken care of while protecting the rights of our citizens.	Lawmakers have both a legal and moral authority to speak out against religious liberties. I'll be an advocate in both aspects to ensure attacks against members of the faith community are protected.
45	Allegheny County	Anita Astorino Kulik	D	Yes	Yes	We must provide proper funding for all forms of education. Educating our children is a means of keeping them from criminal activity. For persons already in the criminal justice system, further education and job training is a good step in stopping recidivism.	We must realize how prevalent human trafficking is in the Western Pennsylvania area. The state must provide our local law enforcement departments with the means and manpower to better patrol our airports, state highways, etc. Training to recognize trafficking situations is also crucial.	I represent municipalities that have housing problems. Everyone deserves a safe and well-maintained home. Landlords that receive public money for rent reimbursement should be held responsible for the maintenance of their properties.	The federal government needs to develop programs that will quicken the process for citizenship. For those who come to this country, those who work hard here should be able to become citizens without excessive red tape standing in the way.	Pennsylvania was founded on the belief in religious freedom. While not espousing any particular religion, the government can still reiterate to the citizenry that religious freedom is a liberty as much fought for as any given in our constitutions.
46	Allegheny County	Alexander Taylor	D	Yes	Yes	Putting more funding towards rehabilitation over incarceration.	We can increase support for law enforcement, and social services so that we can protect at-risk populations from being trafficked.	We need to build more homes and give incentives to communities that are willing to give some space so we can build affordable housing for our underprivileged communities.	We should create a pathway to permanent residency/ citizenship. We need to stop treating people who are here anyway and not being criminals like they're criminals and treat them like people.	PA can assist communities with learning the difference between "Religious Liberty" and "pushing ones faith onto others." PA can raise awareness of this difference to help combat intolerance in our state.

Senate Races

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44	Allegheny County	Valerie S. Gaydos	R	Yes	Yes	Stronger enforcement. Expand educational opportunities.	Stronger enforcement. Finding alternative options for those trafficked, including education and job placement.	While the issue is complex, increasing availability of public transportation will help increase access to additional inventory.	Clearer and faster paths to citizenship for working immigrants.	Continue to safeguard the First Amendment's guarantee of religious liberty, and to ensure all laws interfere.

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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12	James Hayes	R	Yes	I would provide federal funding to strengthen prison education and vocational training programs. I would provide legislation to expand access to education and vocational training programs in prison to equip inmates with marketable skills and increase their chances of finding employment upon release.	I would increase awareness and prevention efforts through state and federal mechanisms, like launching public awareness campaigns at both federal and state levels to educate the public about the signs of human trafficking and encourage reporting.	Ease permitting for new builds. Support programs such as FHA that help low-income individuals purchase homes. Limit affordable housing support to U.S. citizens and permanent residents.	Enforce existing laws and eliminate the incentives to cross the border by speeding deportations and limiting asylums to individuals actually at risk.	We need to strengthen and enforce Pennsylvania's Religious Freedom Protection Act (RFPA), similar to the federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA).



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