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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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Archdiocese of Philadelphia

House

9	R	Marla G. Brown.....	https://www.repmarlabrown.com/	143	D	Eleanor M. Breslin.....	https://eleanorbreslin.com/
10	R	Amen Brown.....	https://amenforphilly.com/	143	R	Shelby E. Labs.....	https://www.repshelbylabs.net/
18	D	Anand G. Patel.....	https://www.anandforpa.com/	144	D	Brian Munroe.....	https://www.pahouse.com/munroe/
18	R	Kathleen Tomlinson.....	https://www.reptomlinson.com/	144	R	Daniel J. McPhillips.....	https://www.danmcpPhillips.com/
26	D	Paul Friel Jr.....	https://www.pahouse.com/friel/	145	D	Vera J. Cole.....	https://www.veracoleforpa.com/home
26	R	Shawn Blickey.....	https://www.facebook.com/ShawnforPA	145	R	Craig T. Staats.....	https://www.repstaats.com/
29	D	Timothy P. Brennan.....	https://www.pahouse.com/brennan/	146	D	Joseph Ciresi.....	https://ciresiforpa.com/
29	R	Steven Mekanik.....	https://www.mekanikforpa.com/	146	R	Micheal J. McCloskey III....	https://www.ilikemikepa.com/
31	D	Perry Warren.....	https://www.pahouse.com/Warren/	147	D	Albert Leach.....	https://www.alleachforpa.com/
31	R	Bernie Sauer.....	https://www.facebook.com/bernieforpa/	147	R	Donna Marie Schueren.....	https://www.repschueren.com/
53	R	Cheryl Bonavita.....	https://www.vote4bonavita.com	148	D	Mary Jo Daley.....	https://www.pahouse.com/MDaley/
53	D	Steve Malagari.....	https://votemalagari.com	149	D	Timothy P. Briggs.....	https://www.pahouse.com/Briggs/
54	D	Gregory Scott.....	https://www.pahouse.com/scott/	150	D	Joseph G. Webster.....	https://joewebsterpa.com/
54	R	Martin Dickerson.....	https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100090129854226	150	R	Simone H. Collins.....	https://collinsforpa.com/
61	D	Elizabeth Hanbidge.....	https://www.pahouse.com/Hanbidge/	151	D	Melissa Cerrato.....	https://www.missyforpa.com/
61	R	Michelle L. Rupp.....	https://www.rupp4pa61.com/	151	R	Allen A. Anderson.....	bit.ly/AllenAnderson
70	D	Matt Bradford.....	https://www.pahouse.com/Bradford/	152	D	Nancy Guent.....	https://nancy4pahouse.com/
70	R	Ed Moye.....	https://www.edmoyeforpa.us	152	R	Tim Bertman.....	(No Website)
74	D	Dan K. Williams.....	https://www.pahouse.com/williams	153	D	Benjamin V. Sanchez.....	https://bensanchez.org/
74	R	Dale L. Hensel.....	https://www.republicanccc.com/dalehensel	153	R	Joseph J. Rooney.....	https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61556387734299
131	D	Meriam H. Sabih.....	https://meriamforpa.com/	154	D	Napoleon J. Nelson.....	https://www.pahouse.com/nelson/
131	R	Milou Mackenzie.....	https://www.repmiloumackenziepa.com/	154	R	Thom Estilow.....	https://www.facebook.com/ThomEstilow/
140	D	James Prokopiak.....	https://www.pahouse.com/Prokopiak/	155	D	Danielle Otten.....	https://www.pahouse.com/FrielOtten/
140	R	Candace Cabanas.....	https://www.candaceforpa.com/	155	R	Rodney D. Simon.....	bit.ly/47kqW4V
141	D	Tina Davis.....	https://www.pahouse.com/davis/	156	D	Christopher Pielli.....	https://www.chrispielli.com/
141	R	Noah Boyd.....	https://twitter.com/BoydNoah	156	R	Kris R. Vollrath.....	https://vollrathforparep.com/
142	D	Anna K. Payne.....	https://www.annapayne4staterep.com/	157	D	Melissa Shusterman.....	https://www.melissashusterman.com/
142	R	Joseph F. Hogan.....	https://www.rephogan.com/	157	R	Regina M. Mauro.....	https://pawomeninred.com/pa157-regina-mauro

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158	R	Tina Ayala	https://tinaayalaforpa.com	178	R	Kristin Marcell	https://www.repmarcell.com
159	D	Carol Kazeem	https://www.pahouse.com/Kazeem/	179	D	Jason Dawkins	https://www.pahouse.com/Dawkins/
160	D	Elizabeth R. Moro	https://www.mobilize.us/moroforstatehouse/	180	D	Jose A. Giral	https://www.pahouse.com/Giral/
160	R	Craig Williams	https://www.repCraigWilliams.com/	181	D	Malcolm Kenyatta	https://malcolmkenyatta.com/
161	D	Leanne T. Krueger	https://www.pahouse.com/Krueger/	182	D	Benjamin R. Waxman	https://www.pahouse.com/Waxman/
161	R	John Mancinelli, Jr.	https://www.facebook.com/JohnMforPA161/	184	D	Elizabeth A. Fiedler	https://www.pahouse.com/Fiedler/
162	D	David M. Delloso	https://www.pahouse.com/delloso	185	D	Regina G. Young	https://www.reginayoung185.com/
162	R	Gabriella M. Mendez	https://delawarecountygop.com/gabmendez	186	D	Jordan Harris	https://www.pahouse.com/Harris/
163	D	Heather Boyd	https://heatherboydforpa.com/	187	D	Stefanie Rafes	https://www.votestefrafes.com/
163	R	Jeffrey O. Jones	https://delawarecountygop.com/jeff-jones	187	R	Gary W. Day	https://www.transparencyusa.org/pa/candidate/gary-day
164	D	Gina Curry	https://www.pahouse.com/Curry/	188	D	Rick C. Krajewski	https://www.pahouse.com/krajewski/
165	D	Jennifer O'Mara	https://www.voteomara.com/	190	D	Roni Green	https://www.pahouse.com/Green/
165	R	Elizabeth L. Piazza	https://www.facebook.com/piazzafor165/	191	D	Joanna McClinton	https://www.mcclintonforpa.com/
166	D	Gregory Vitali	https://www.pahouse.com/Vitali/	192	D	Morgan Cephas	https://www.pahouse.com/Cephas/
166	R	Kay Dugery	https://www.facebook.com/kayforpa166/	194	D	Tarik Khan	https://tarikforpa.com/
167	D	Kristine C. Howard	https://kristinehoward.com/	195	D	Keith S. Harris	https://keithharrisforpa.com
167	R	Melissa C. Dicranian	https://www.facebook.com/MelissaForPA167/	197	D	Danilo Burgos	https://www.pahouse.com/Burgos/
168	D	Lisa A. Borowski	https://www.pahouse.com/borowski/	198	D	Darisha K. Parker	https://www.pahouse.com/dparker/
168	R	Kathryn Buckley	https://buckleyforpa.com	200	D	Christopher M. Rabb	https://www.pahouse.com/Rabb/
170	R	Martina A. White	https://www.repwhite.com/	201	D	Andre D. Carroll	https://www.andredcarroll.com/
172	D	Sean Dougherty	https://www.seandoughertyforpa.com/about-sean/	202	D	Jared G. Solomon	https://www.jaredsolomon.com/
172	R	Aizaz Gill	https://www.gillforpa.com	203	D	Anthony A. Bellmon	https://www.pahouse.com/Bellmon/
173	D	Patrick L. Gallagher	https://www.pahouse.com/Gallagher/				
174	D	Ed Neilson	https://www.pahouse.com/neilson/				
175	D	Mary Louise Isaacson	https://www.mary4staterrep.com/				
177	D	Joseph C. Hohenstein	https://www.pahouse.com/Hohenstein/				

Senate

1	D	Nikil Saval	https://www.pasenatorsaval.com/
3	D	Sharif Street	https://www.senatorsharifstreet.com/
5	R	Joseph Picozzi	https://www.votePicozzi.com/
5	D	James Dillon	https://senatordillon.com/
7	D	Vincent Hughes	https://www.senatorhughes.com/

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- 9 R Michael Woodin <https://woodinforpasenate.com/>
- 9 D John Kane <https://pasenatorkane.com>
- 17 D Amanda Cappelletti <https://pasenatorcappelletti.com/>
- 17 R Greg Harris <https://www.facebook.com/p/Greg-Harris-for-PA-Senate-61550764930794/>
- 19 R Duane Milne <https://www.duanemilne.org/>
- 19 D Carolyn Comitta <https://www.pasenatorcomitta.com/>
- 21 R Scott Hutchinson <https://www.senatorscotthutchinson.com/>

Congressional

- 1 D Ashley Ehasz <https://www.ehaszforcongress.com/>
- 1 R Brian Fitzpatrick <https://fitzpatrick.house.gov/>
- 2 R Aaron Bashir <https://bashirforcongress.com/>
- 2 D Brendan Boyle <https://boyle.house.gov/>
- 3 D Dwight Evans <https://evans.house.gov/>
- 4 D Madeline Dean <https://mad4pa.com>
- 4 R David Winkler <https://winklerforpa4.com/about/>
- 5 R Alfeia Goodwin <https://alfeforuscongress.com/>
- 5 D Mary Gay Scanlon <https://scanlon.house.gov/>
- 6 D Chrissy Houlahan <https://www.chrissyhoulahanforcongress.com>
- 6 R Neil Young <https://neilyoung24.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?
165	Delaware County	Elizabeth L. Piazza	R	Yes	Yes	Focus on education, responsibility and rehabilitation. The current system is broken and needs to focus on those who want and have earned a second chance to be valuable members of our society. We must create a better system of support to help these individuals reenter society.	To stop human trafficking, we need to enforce many of our current laws. Most human trafficking takes place over borders. We can start by securing our borders and working with ICE to arrest the traffickers. We also need to provide support for those who have been victims of human trafficking.	We need to focus on reducing regulations and red tape to encourage private-sector development, provide tax incentives for builders, and promote homeownership through mortgage interest deductions and deregulating zoning laws.	First, we must secure our borders. A core responsibility of government is public safety. There is an immigration process that millions of immigrants go through each year to become legal permanent citizens.	What can PA do to protect religious liberty? We need to adhere and defend the U.S. Constitution, which provides for religious liberty. We must stop any attempt to weaken the Constitution.
151	Montgomery County	Allen Arthur Anderson	R	Yes	Yes	More funding of probation efforts. Programs to aid ex-convicts.	Heavy penalties for pimps and those who run rings. Serious penalties for johns. Programs and support for victims.	Lower inflation. Tax credits for working poor. Incentives for builders.	Expand legal immigration. Stop illegal immigration. Integrate those already here. Deport criminals and gang members.	Enforce hate crime laws against offenders. Make investigative agencies take action. Let people know what is happening.
155	Chester County	Rodney D. Simon	R	Yes	Yes	For people to become independently stable economically.	Massive charges for traffickers and immediate enforcement.	Return the economy to a functioning system.	Enforce our borders and protect U.S. citizens.	Follow the First Amendment of our Constitution.

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145	Bucks County	Craig T. Staats	R	Yes	Yes	We need to empower localities to find the solutions that fit best in their communities to deal with the issue of recidivism. Some counties have hosted successful reentry programs within prisons, including job training and technical education, as well as counseling and addiction treatment.	Combating human trafficking requires cooperation between community leaders on the ground, law enforcement on our streets, and the support for a justice system to quickly and justly prosecute those guilty of trafficking. An all-of-the-above approach is the only way forward to success.	The lack of affordable housing is an important issue across Pennsylvania, and we must find new and creative solutions to this problem. Giving local governments the freedom and flexibility they need to permit responsible development is one step we can take to increase the overall housing stock.	Legal immigration has been critical to the success of our country and our commonwealth. We must do what we can to make it easier for skilled workers to join our communities and contribute to our economy, while strengthening protections against illegal immigration.	The attacks against faith communities in recent months are unacceptable. Religious liberty, the ability to safely practice your faith, is foundational to the American experience. We must safeguard religious liberty laws and provide law enforcement with the tools they need to keep us safe.
61	Montgomery County	Michelle L. Rupp	R	No	Yes	Capital punishment.	Enforce immigration laws.	Get roommates.	Merit-based only system.	Classify attacks as hate crimes.

Senate Races

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5	Philadelphia	Joe Picozzi	R	Yes	Yes	Increasing the availability of quality rehabilitation programs for those exiting the prison system that can help people get back on their feet and learn new skills. Helping people get housing and stable jobs helps prevent people from reoffending and live a productive life.	There needs to be more funding and awareness within the police and detective agencies. When officers can identify a possible victim of human trafficking, they can help liberate the victim. Also, increased support to those victims to help them recover and help them return to a normal and safe life.	Creating more affordable housing can be done by increasing the supply of available units driving down prices. We need to cut the costs and unnecessary regulations of building new homes. Also, I will support tax credits and incentives to first-time home owners to assist in purchasing their first home.	We need a streamlined process for knowing who enters the country and tracking visa overstays. I support targeted visa programs for high-skilled immigrants and refugees. While this issue is federal, I will work with all levels of government to help support assimilation of immigrants in my District.	William Penn founded Philadelphia with religious liberty at its core. My city has always been a safehaven for people of all faiths. I aspire to continue in this long tradition by supporting faith groups and the rights of religiously affiliated organizations to do their work here in my home.
9	Chester County	John Kane	D	Yes	No	Better support when they leave prison, better treatment when freed, giving them work.	That's a tough one. Keep families close, more supervision so the kids don't go astray with the internet.	Almost impossible today with companies buying homes and when you make an offer, theirs is higher, making young couples having to rent.	The immigration system should go back and give certain number of wannabes a chance, close the border!	Just get on social media, talk about justice for all, freedom for all religions and have joint celebrations.

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19	Chester County	Duane Milne	R	Yes	Yes	Repurpose more current incarceration-related spending to education and job training to inspire and assist the newly-released to pursue meaningful and productive pursuits; build upon successful "second chance" (forgiveness) initiatives. All this correlates with less likelihood to repeat criminal behavior.	Communicate and encourage via proven strategies for human trafficking victims to come forward to receive appropriate support and not fear criminal prosecution; strengthen legal protections to leave human trafficking and block continuing efforts to maintain contact by those who held them in servitude.	Strategies could include: invest more of the budget into programs that support affordable housing; provide certain tax credits for homebuyers; encourage landlord incentive strategies to open units; reform how property taxes are assessed; remove regulations that are barriers to build affordable housing.	Find common ground for two overarching objectives: controlling borders for safety and national security and acknowledging the need for migrant labor. The policy consensus should be a diligently-monitored guest worker visa program, with stringent enforcement against employees and employers in violation.	All peoples of good faith, regardless of denomination, must continue to recognize we are all God's children. Accordingly, together we must show reciprocal support for all faiths to exercise their traditions, in accordance with First Amendment protections and without undue interference from government.

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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2	Aaron Bashir	R	Yes	Robust pre-release planning addressing risk factors is critical-access to support groups, skill training, finding meaningful employment.	Educating front-line personnel to recognize signs of trafficking and provide with the tools needed for proper intervention. Increased surveillance to identify those involved. Robust law enforcement and severe penalties for anyone participating in these crimes.	1. Tax incentives to encourage private investment in affordable housing production. 2. Exempt those 65 and older from property taxes. 3. Increased funding for down payment assistance for first-time home buyers.	Our current immigration laws must be enforced.	It is important for faith-based leaders to build strong partnerships with local law enforcement to ensure that attacks against religious communities are reported and prosecuted.



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