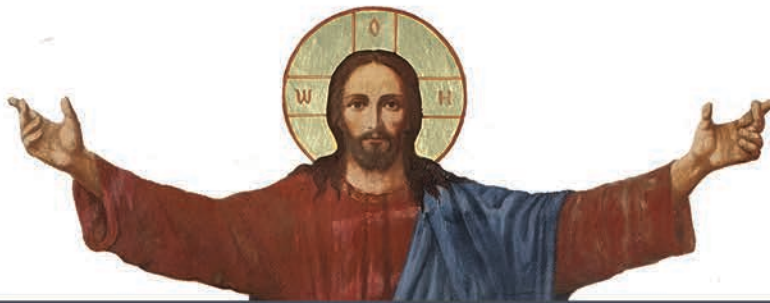




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“Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's” Mk 12

2 KEY PRINCIPLES



1. DO I HAVE A DUTY TO VOTE?

Christians have a moral obligation to exercise the right to vote for the Catholics have a moral obligation to exercise the right to vote for the common good and to participate in the political life of their country. This duty is part of the broader concept of submission to authority and co-responsibility for the common good clearly established in **CCC 2240**.



2. WHO TO VOTE FOR WHEN BOTH PARTIES VIOLATE ONE OR MORE OF THE NON-NEGOTIABLES?

The Church recognizes that sometimes candidates from both parties may support an intrinsic evil. However, She does provide the means by which to know which candidate should receive our vote as we do have the duty to vote. In speaking of casting a vote for a morally difficult piece of legislation on abortion, Pope St. John Paul II wrote in *Evangelium Vitae* (73):

“When it is not possible to overturn or completely abrogate a pro-abortion law, an elected official, whose absolute personal opposition to procured abortion was well known, could licitly support proposals aimed at limiting the harm done by such a law & at lessening its negative consequences at the level of general opinion and public morality. This does not in fact represent an illicit cooperation with an unjust law, but rather a legitimate and proper attempt to limit its evil aspects.”

For example, the new GOP platform has weakened its position on abortion, and included the promotion of birth control and IVF, which are intrinsically evil and cannot be morally supported. Some Catholic figures are claiming that because of this, it is impossible for Catholics to support the GOP candidates.

However, applying the principle established in *Evangelium Vitae*, any faithful Catholic who makes their absolute prolife commitment well known, can morally vote for a GOP candidate when the alternative candidate has taken a worse position on the Right to Life and other Non-Negotiables.

Our moral duty is to vote for the candidate who will most help to mitigate evil and advance the common good.

THE ISSUES

Democratic Party

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ABORTION

Believes that every woman should be able to access high-quality reproductive health care services, including abortion on demand. This also includes federal laws and funding to provide access.

Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law. **CCC 2271**

Proudly stands for families and Life. Believes that the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution guarantees that no person can be denied Life or Liberty without Due Process, and that the States are therefore, free to pass laws protecting those Rights.

IMMIGRATION

Wants to end systemic and structural racism in our country, which extends to the immigration system, including the policies at our borders and ports of entry, detention centers, and within immigration law enforcement agencies and their policies and operations.

Political authorities, for the sake of the common good for which they are responsible, may make the exercise of the right to immigrate subject to various juridical conditions, especially with regard to the immigrants' duties toward their country of adoption. **CCC 2241**

Wants an immigration system that secures our borders, upholds the law, and boosts our economy.

LGBTQ+

Will outlaw discrimination against LGBTQ+ people in housing, employment, and the adoption of fostering children. They will also ban “conversion therapy”, ensure access facilities based on gender identity, and coverage of all medically necessary care for gender transition, including minors.

Homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered. Under no circumstances can they be approved. **CC2357**

Catholic health care services must not perform interventions, whether surgical or chemical, that aim to transform the sexual characteristics of a human body into those of the opposite sex. **USCCB**

Will keep men out of women's sports, ban Taxpayer funding for “sex change” surgeries and stop Taxpayer funded Schools from promoting gender transition, reverse Biden's radical rewrite of Title IX Education Regulations, and restore protections for women's and girls.

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EDUCATION

Democrats will equip students with the knowledge and skills to understand complex scientific issues, counter the rising tide of denialism by promoting environmental and climate literacy. Oppose private school vouchers and other policies that divert taxpayer funded resources away from the public school system.

Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. They bear witness to this responsibility first by creating a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and disinterested service are the rule. The home is well suited for education in the virtues. **CCC 2223**

Republicans believe families should be empowered to choose the best Education for their children. They support Universal School choice in every State in America. Republicans are committed to restore Parental Rights in education.

WEAPONIZATION OF GOVERNMENT

Believes in a strong and active role for the government in addressing social and economic issues such as healthcare, education, environmental protection, and income inequality. They tend to support government intervention in the economy to promote fairness and ensure that all individuals have equal opportunities.

In the name of the common good, public authorities are bound to respect the fundamental and inalienable rights of the human person. Society should permit each of its members to fulfill his vocation. **CCC 1907**

The party advocates for reducing the size and scope of the federal government, cutting regulations, lowering taxes, and promoting free market principles. They believe that government should play a limited role in the lives of individuals and that individuals should have more control over their own lives and decisions.

ECONOMY

Committed to helping all Americans meet the challenges of the 21st century by spurring job creation, rebuilding our infrastructure, investing in clean-energy technologies and small businesses, and making sure corporations, the wealthy, and Wall Street pay their fair share.

A task of the state is that of overseeing and directing the exercise of human rights in the economic sector. However, primary responsibility in this area belongs not to the state but to individuals and to the various groups and associations which make up society. **CCC 2431**

Need to start growing America's economy instead of Washington's economy, so hard-working middle class Americans see better wages and more opportunities.

THE NON-NEGOTIABLES



Issues involving essential goods, or common goods, which are the duty of government to insure are available to all of its citizens are not negotiable.



1. RIGHT TO LIFE

ABORTION is the preeminent moral issue which kills millions of lives each year. *"Thou shall not kill"* **God**. Every preborn child has a right to life, the fundamental right that makes all other rights possible.



2. RIGHT TO WORSHIP

The unjust weaponization of the Department of Justice against Catholics, pro-lifers, and the lack of accountability for the hundreds of attacks on Catholic Churches are threatening our freedom of religion. We must protect this natural right which *"ought to be acknowledged in the juridical order of society."* **CCC 2108**



3. RIGHTS OF PARENTS

The LGBTQ+ movement and its progressive agenda is immoral indoctrination, child abuse and a direct assault on parents' rights and **MUST** be opposed. "The right and the duty of parents to educate their children are primordial and inalienable." **CCC 2221**

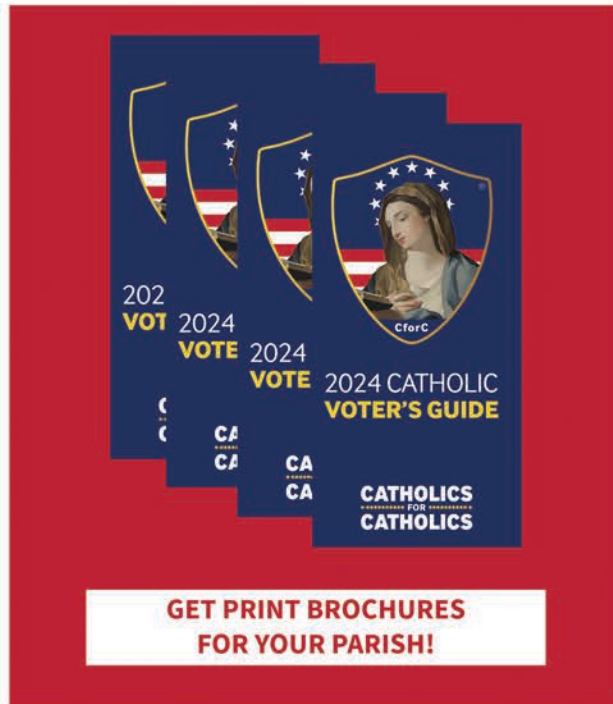


2. SOCIALISM/MARXISM

The Church has rejected socialism & communism as economic and social constructs, to the point of excommunicating as apostates all those who participate in the promotion of communism. *"Religious socialism, Christian socialism, are contradictory terms; no one can be at the same time a good Catholic and a true socialist."* **Pope Pius XI**

CAN I VOTE MY CONSCIENCE?

Yes, but only if it is formed correctly according to the principles of the natural law and Catholic teaching. *"In God we vote"*



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