

Bring Your Faith to the Voting Booth

Why is our faith important when voting?

We believe that God has ordained the social institutions of family, church, and government for the benefit of mankind and as a reflection of His divine nature. Therefore, Christians are called to support these institutions, according to God's design and purpose, and to protect them against destructive social influences. Such involvement is in obedience to Christ's lordship over all creation and is required by His command to care for the well-being of all people.

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Christian "Non-Negotiables"

◇ Life

The protection and dignity of every human life from conception to natural death.

◇ Marriage and Family

The primacy of the family as the first cell of society. The protection and honor given to the faithful marriage between a man and a woman and the family built upon it. Parents' care for the physical and spiritual needs of their children must not be hindered by governments or other institutions.

◇ Authentic Human Freedom

Includes the first freedom—religious freedom— bound by truth and exercised within a moral framework

"There is a right kind of anger," [teaches] Dr. Martyn Lloyd Jones. "In and of itself anger is not sinful. It is a capacity which is innate in every one of us, and clearly put into us by God. The capacity for anger against that which is evil and wrong is something which is essentially right and good."

We should be angry over the slaughter of innocent babies. Nearly one million children conceived this year will never be given an opportunity to take their first step, let alone their first breath.

We should be angry about innocent children being exposed to deviant and confused sexual themes and behavior.

We should be angry when our daughters are forced to compete against men in girls' sports, simply because a male "identifies" as a female.

"Be angry and do not sin," wrote the apostle Paul to Christians at Ephesus (4:26) – an admonition to hate sinful things. But with righteous anger we must also show compassion for the hurting and the lost.

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"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

*Edmund Burke,
1729 – 1797*



Talking with others about the issues in the November 8 election

In discussions, remind others that:

- In Maryland, abortion is legal through birth, and non-physicians are now allowed to perform abortions at any stage of pregnancy. All insurance policies and Medicaid are required to pay for abortions.
- As of October 2021, children as young as 12 can consent to mental health care without their parents' knowledge or permission. This can include treatment to "transition" to the opposite sex.
- Children in public schools are exposed to books with explicit drawings that depict sexual encounters, and that promote transgenderism, abortion, sex outside of marriage, and homosexuality. Some teachers and counselors also encourage these behaviors.

- Many attempts have been made, through legislation and edicts from government agencies, to force people of faith to act contrary to their conscience, by requiring them to assist at abortions, prescribe harmful drugs, and provide services in opposition to their religious beliefs.

To counter these harmful policies, It's urgent that pro-family, pro-life legislators and government officials be elected to our local, state, and national offices.

Maryland Right to Life is the best source for voter information about which candidates will support the right to life. Visit <https://www.mdrtl.org/>.

To review a comparison of the party platforms, go to <https://www.priestsforlife.org/candidates/2020-party-comparison.pdf>

Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. rooted his legal and constitutional arguments about justice in the long Christian tradition: "A just law is a man-made code that squares with the moral law or the law of God. An unjust law is a code that is out of harmony with the moral law. To put it in the terms of Saint Thomas Aquinas, an unjust law is a human law that is not rooted in eternal law and natural law."

Pray for Our Nation

Lord God and Heavenly King, You alone are the Lord of the earth and King of the universe, and You alone can revive and restore the United States Of America and bring us back under Your own Sovereign rule.

Give our President, together with his advisors and the whole of his administration, the wisdom and grace to turn from the ungodly path that they are following, and may they set this nation back on the path of trusting in God.

Motivate all our congressmen to strive for integrity and wisdom in all the choices and decisions they make, and may those that are entrusted as judges and lawmakers, likewise act in righteousness, impartiality and integrity as they work for the benefit of all people, and to the honor of Your holy name.

Heavenly King, we place our nation at your feet, and pray that we may once again serve You as a nation. May Your will be done in the once greatest nation of the world, the United States of America.

Amen.

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