



Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

The Catholic Church does not endorse any candidates or political parties, but the Church does advocate for **public policies that serve the common good** and are **aligned with Church teachings**. To guide you in considering election issues and political candidates' views, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) publishes [*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility*](#). Some highlights:

- Paragraph 31 begins a discussion on "Making Moral Choices" in relation to voting.
- [Part 2](#) gives an overview of the Church's position on a number of political issues including human life, the death penalty, religious freedom, migration, care for creation, and more.

The USCCB and WSCC

For further detailed information about the Catholic Church's stance on **national** public policy issues, refer to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops [website](#). Consult the [Washington State Catholic Conference \(WSCC\)](#), the public policy voice of the bishops of Washington State, for information about **state and local** public policies.

Other "Catholic" Sources

You may encounter websites, sources, or mailers that label themselves "Catholic." However, they may not be officially aligned with or sanctioned by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). During this election season, some parishioners have received mailers that claim to be Catholic and promote specific candidates. These mailers did not come from diocesan mailing lists. If a source instructs you to support a specific candidate or political party, it is most likely not an official organization of the Catholic Church.