



2026 COLORADO CATHOLIC VOTER GUIDE



TOP CATHOLIC ISSUES ON THE BALLOT



Vote YES on Proposition 133 Penalties for Human Trafficking of a Minor: “Children are Not for Sale Act”

The Children Are Not for Sale Act increases penalties for individuals convicted of trafficking a child for sexual servitude and establishes life imprisonment without parole as the penalty for those convicted of purchasing or selling a child for sex. *Existing Colorado statute C.R.S. 18-3-504 protects victims of sex trafficking from this penalty if they are also convicted of trafficking.*



Vote YES on Proposition 134 Male and Female Participation in School Sports: “Protect Girls’ Sports Act”

The Protect Girls’ Sports Act will require all school athletic teams to be designated as male, female or co-ed according to biological sex.



Vote YES on Proposition 135 Prohibit Certain Surgeries on Minors: “Protect Kids from Irreversible Sex-Rejecting Surgeries Act”

The Protect Kids from Irreversible Sex-Rejecting Surgeries Act will prohibit healthcare providers from performing irreversible sex-rejecting surgeries on minors under the age of 18 for the explicit purpose of changing their biological sex. *Currently, 25 hospitals in Colorado perform sex-alteration surgeries on children and 64 prescribe hormone therapy on children for so-called “gender affirming care,” according to data provided by Do No Harm organization of physicians (www.donoharmmedicine.org).*



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As faithful Catholics, it is our duty to shape the moral character of our community, state and country through voting. Our faith maintains a hierarchy of values when voting on candidates and issues. The listed values are supported by the Colorado bishops. Each value is important; however, some are more foundational and therefore require more priority. It is the duty of each person's conscience to adhere to objective truth, which is reflected in the below values to guide your vote.

Hierarchy of Values to Guide Voting as a Catholic:

- 1 Sanctity of Life:** Human life must be protected at all stages from conception until natural death.
- 2 Marriage and Family:** Marriage is the union of a man and a woman who, together as husband and wife, may become father and mother to any children they bring into the world.
- 3 Religious Liberty:** Religious liberty is rooted in the dignity of the human person, including freedom of conscience and expression, and is central to the U.S. Constitution.
- 4 Economic Justice, Poverty, & Welfare:** Economic decisions should respect human dignity and reflect a preferential option for the poor and vulnerable, providing safety nets and opportunities for upward mobility.
- 5 Healthcare:** Healthcare should be patient-centered, respect human dignity, protect life, promote the principle of subsidiarity, be affordable and assure conscience rights.
- 6 Immigration & Promoting Foreign Peace:** Immigration policy should meet immigrants' basic human needs, including the ability to work, and encourage pathways to citizenship. Promoting peace is essential in international relations.
- 7 Education:** Parents are the primary educators of their children; therefore, education policy should empower parents with education decision-making authority to choose the best learning options for their children.
- 8 Restorative Justice:** Criminal justice reform should focus on preventing crime and caring for survivors of crime, while also offering those who commit a crime an opportunity to rehabilitate and effectively return to society.
- 9 Energy & Environment:** Care for the environment and responsible use of energy resources come from our duty to steward creation and provide for future generations.
- 10 Technology:** Technology must respect human dignity, and protect children and the common good.

We prepared a legislative candidate survey for the Catholic Church in Colorado. Responses from candidates can be found using the QR code or visiting

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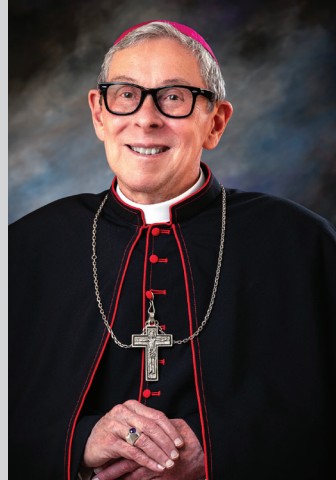


“Responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation rooted in our baptismal commitment to follow Jesus Christ and to ‘love our neighbor as ourselves.’”

Archbishop James R. Golka
Archdiocese of Denver

“Through our faith in Jesus Christ, we Catholics are called to prayerfully participate in political life, fulfilling our duty to form the moral character of our society for the common good of all.”

Bishop Stephen J. Berg
Diocese of Pueblo



“The government has the moral function to secure justice and peace in society. Citizens, especially prayerful Catholics, are required to participate in the political process with well-formed consciences.”

Bishop Jorge H. Rodríguez
Auxiliary Bishop of Archdiocese

“The Church encourages Catholic faithful to understand politics in its highest form as charity, oriented to the common good of our neighbors – not partisan division, but unity.”

Very Rev. Kyle T. Ingels
Diocesan Administrator, Diocese of Colorado Springs





PROTECT OUR CHILDREN



Protect them from exploitation
and trafficking

**VOTE YES on 133 Children are
Not for Sale Act**



Protect their dignity and
safety in sports

**VOTE YES on 134 Protect
Girls' Sports Act**



Protect them from permanent and
life-altering sex-change surgeries

**VOTE YES on 135 Protect Kids from Irreversible
Sex-Rejecting Surgeries Act**



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