

# Faithful Citizenship

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Archbishop Michael Jackels of Dubuque, Bishop Thomas Zinkula of Davenport, Bishop William Joensen of Des Moines, and Bishop R. Walker Nickless of Sioux City.

## A better kind of politics

The Catholic bishops of Iowa address public policy issues of concern through the Iowa Catholic Conference. With your help, we can seek “a better kind of politics, one truly at the service of the common good” (*Fratelli Tutti*, No. 154). We encourage Catholics to inform their conscience in light of Scripture and Church teaching and participate in the political process.

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### Dignity of the Human Person

We act on the principle that every person is created in the image of God.



### Common Good

We work that all can access the necessities of a dignified life.



### Solidarity

We are called to welcome the stranger among us.

## What should Catholics be asking candidates for state office?

Catholics have a serious responsibility to form their consciences, in light of the teaching of Jesus Christ, to judge how to take action on behalf of the unborn, the poor and the vulnerable.

To find out contact information for the candidates in your area, go to [sos.iowa.gov](https://sos.iowa.gov).

### Ask your candidates if they support:

- protecting human life in all stages from conception until natural death
- enhancing support for new mothers and children
- additional state financial support for students to attend a nonpublic school
- giving the needs of the poor and vulnerable people special consideration
- measures to protect and improve the quality of water, air and land in Iowa
- recognizing the right of those who practice their faith in worship and their entire lives to serve society in a manner consistent with their beliefs
- maintaining Iowa's status as a "no death penalty" state



## How to vote on Nov. 8

Visit [voterready.iowa.gov](https://voterready.iowa.gov) to:

- Make sure you are registered to vote
- Request an absentee ballot
- Find your polling place

**Additional information and the U.S. bishops' complete "Faithful Citizenship" document can be found at [www.faithfulcitizenship.org](https://www.faithfulcitizenship.org).**

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## CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSAL ON BALLOT NOV. 8TH

"The right to bear arms as found in our Constitution must be balanced against the safety and well-being of the populace as a whole," the Iowa bishops say. The ICC has opposed an amendment to Iowa's Constitution that would add a "strict scrutiny" standard to regulating the right to keep and bear arms. If enacted, the amendment would restrict the ability of the legislature to establish even modest safety policies related to weapons.