

# ARIZONA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

## 2010 Survey Questions for Candidates

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### **1. Allowing parents to use tax credits, vouchers or education savings accounts to enable children to attend any public, private or home school.**

The federal government has no business in education. All expenditures must cease, the U.S. Department of Education should be closed and all its assets auctioned off, and all laws and bureaucratic dictates regarding education repealed.

Parents should be free to take care of their children without bureaucrats looking over their shoulder, and they should be able to keep ALL of their earnings to do with as they wish, including sending their children to a school of their choice.

### **2. Prohibiting embryonic stem cell research.**

No government funds should be allotted for human embryonic stem cell research. The federal government has no business directing what can and cannot be used in human embryonic stem cell research beyond barring the use of federal funds.

### **3. Legalizing physician-assisted suicide.**

For it to be voluntary the "volunteer" by implication must be aware of the implications of their decision to end their life. Who is anyone to interfere with such a decision? Why would government interfere in the contracting with an expert in such methods conscientiously chosen by the volunteer to assist them in their suicide? I am far, far more concerned by legalized involuntary euthanasia as implemented by governments.

### **4. Excluding newborn children conceived while their mothers were receiving welfare from the calculation of family's welfare cash payment.**

Government produces nothing of its own. It cannot give anyone anything, until it robs it from someone else first. Government looting of the productive must stop. I will try to end ALL welfare. Its purpose is to make people dependent upon the federal government with no hope or incentive to get off welfare – unlike private charities.

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**5. Prohibiting state and local government agencies, including police departments from accepting matricula consular cards as a form of identification.**

I know of no authority granted the federal government in the U.S. Constitution that permits the federal government to tell the States what identification they must accept or deny. I oppose requiring identification at the federal level. I support open borders, while pointing out that immigration was historically reserved to the States.

**6. Amending the United States Constitution to define marriage as the union of one man and one woman.**

The federal government should not be in the marriage business. That is between consenting adults and their churches or other private institutions to form a contract. All government does is tax the relationship by charging a license fee.

There is something un-American in hearing the phrase, “by the power vested in me by the state” at the end of your ceremony. Who the heck gave the state the power to decide who can and cannot enter into the contract of marriage?! Would not you rather hear “by the power vested in me by God”, or “this church” or “the Holy Order of Rome,” et cetera?

The Constitution of this nation is not about restricting your choices, it is about restricting the federal government to an explicit set of very limited powers. Do not support adding a limitation on yourself. That was tried once with prohibition and look how well that worked out.

**7. Provide abortions with government funding.**

I oppose ALL government spending for abortion.

**8. Establishing and maintaining a statewide public defender's office to provide adequate legal representation to those facing the death penalty.**

I know of no authority granted the federal government in the U.S. Constitution that permits the federal government to tell a State what it must do in regards to its justice system. I oppose the death penalty and support its repeal in all circumstances AT THE federal level. What States do is up to them. I am running for a federal office.

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**9. Making the presence of undocumented immigrants in Arizona a state crime.**

What Arizona does is not the business of the federal government or your Representative. If you cannot keep drugs out of prisons, what makes you think you can keep Mexicans out of Arizona?

Stop the damaging trespass through private property encouraged by the current policy.

Eliminate the official corruption.

Eliminate the organized criminal gangs, violence, slave labor, hidden money and unreported crimes.

Lower the costs of your purchased goods and services. Keep more money in your wallet.

Open the borders.

**10. Mandating healthcare providers to facilitate the distribution of “emergency contraception” (i.e., the morning after pills).**

Government is ostensibly solely there to protect our individual Rights? Government has no legitimate authority to compel anyone to involuntarily perform some tasks the government desires performed. They have a word for that ... slavery. But that does not mean a private employer should not be free to fire an employee who refuses to provide a service the employer has hired them to provide.

**11. Simplifying the existing tax credit for donations made to nonprofit charitable organizations serving the working poor so that people who do not itemize their taxes are eligible to participate.**

Eliminate all taxes, and you encourage massive investment of foreign held wealth into our nation. The poor get to keep ALL that they make. There is more money in everyone's pockets including those who routinely give to charities so donations would increase. There would be zero government mandates placed upon the charities.

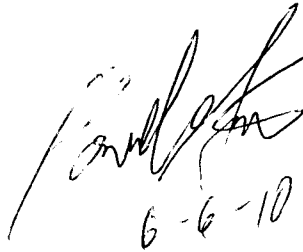
Imagine how much more money you would have without government's hand in your wallet. Imagine what a \$1 hamburger would look like if the paper dollar were still worth a one ounce silver dollar.

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**12. Creating a temporary guest worker program to provide foreign workers to Arizona employers experiencing a labor shortage.**

Immigration is a State's issue, not a federal one – even though the federal government grabbed it from the States over a century ago – therefor it is up to the states to decide who may come into their state. This was historically done by requiring sponsorship of immigrants, including temporary laborers. Many states had no rules whatsoever (i.e., open borders).



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