2022 MARYLAND GENERAL ELECTION

Gubernatorial Candidate Survey

The Maryland Catholic Conference invited candidates for Governor to respond ("agree" or "disagree") to questions of interest to Catholics. Democratic and Republican responses are below; the full question for each issue follows, along with candidate statements. These survey responses, as well as other candidate surveys for state offices and election information, are online at www.mdcatholic.org/elections.

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✔ = agree   X = disagree
D = Democrat R = Republican

The survey questions for these topics are below.

PARTY	CANDIDATE	1 POVERTY ASSISTANCE	2 ABORTION FUNDING RESTRICTIONS	3 ENVIRONMENT	4 EDUCATION ASSISTANCE	5 PHYS.-ASSISTED SUICIDE BAN
D	Wes Moore	Provided statement (below)				
R	Dan Cox	X	✔	X	✔	✔

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2022 CANDIDATE SURVEY QUESTIONS | FULL TEXT

1. **ASSISTANCE TO THE POOR**. Funding in Maryland's budget should be maintained, and when necessary, increased to provide low-income residents access to basic necessities, such as food, housing, and healthcare.

2. **ABORTION**. Maryland is one of very few states that voluntarily direct state Medicaid funds to pay for all or most medically necessary abortions, which includes abortions performed to protect the mental health of the mother. The Maryland General Assembly should pass legislation to restrict the use of taxpayer dollars for abortion.

3. **ENVIRONMENT.** The State of Maryland should support initiatives such as tax credits or grant programs to encourage Maryland residents, businesses and non-profits to reduce their carbon footprint.

4. **K-12 EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS.** The State of Maryland should continue to expand existing funding to provide scholarships for low-income students who wish to attend the K-12 nonpublic school best suited for their educational needs.

5. **PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE BAN**. In 1999, the Maryland General Assembly passed legislation making it a felony for an individual to assist in another individual's suicide. Maryland should uphold the law in its current form and reject legislation to legalize the practice of physician-assisted suicide.

WHY SHOULD MARYLAND CATHOLICS VOTE FOR YOU TO REPRESENT THEM AS GOVERNOR?

PARTY	CANDIDATE	STATEMENT
R	Dan Cox	As a husband and father of 10 children, my Catholic roots support protecting life, liberty and property. Our youth need tradition and morality, so I have advocated for and will expand school choice. Crime and the high Baltimore City murder rate is a national security issue, and I'll work to end it, taking the cartels/gangs off the streets. I will protect the unborn from conception to natural death. I will restore freedom; mandates will be ended. Everyone is essential; our churches will never be shuttered by government; and I will order immediate tax relief. I humbly ask for your vote.
D	Wes Moore	I'm a proud worshiper and child of God who comes from a long line of preachers. Both my grandfather and his father before him were ministers who used the pulpit to not only share the word of God but remind us on Earth what God expects of us. When I deployed to Afghanistan, my grandfather gave me a bible with four words scrawled into it — have faith, not fear. In this moment, we must all have faith in our ability to create progress and build a future our ancestors hoped for and our children deserve. I'm running for governor to build a Maryland where we leave no one behind by ensuring that every child receives a world-class public education, universal access to affordable health coverage, and building economic infrastructure that creates opportunities for work, family-supporting wages, and the ability to build wealth that they can pass on to their children.