



2024 MARYLAND PRIMARY ELECTION

MARYLAND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1 CANDIDATE SURVEY

Early voting: May 2-9 | Primary Election Day: May 14

ABOUT THIS GUIDE: The Maryland Catholic Conference sent candidates a survey covering policy issues of interest to Catholics and compiled their responses (agree/disagree and statements). Before you vote, please review the responses and reflect upon the document Faithful Citizenship (mdcatholic.org/parish-elections) as you form your conscience and prayerfully discern your vote.

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PARTY	CANDIDATES: MD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1		1. Poverty	2. Abortion	3. Immigration	4. Education	5. Environment	6. Family	7. Conscience Rights
D	Blane H.	Miller, III							
D	Blessing	Oluwadare	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
R	Chris	Bruneau, Sr.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
R	Andy	Harris		✓		✓			✓
R	Michael Scott	Lemon							

KEY D = Democrat R = Republican
 ✓ = agree X = disagree blank = no response

The questions follow. No additional comments were provided.

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CANDIDATE SURVEY QUESTIONS

- 1. Poverty.** The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and other similar initiatives provide funding for millions of poor Americans who cannot afford to adequately feed themselves or their families. Congress should oppose restrictions on SNAP that prevent the most vulnerable from receiving these benefits.
- 2. Abortion.** Congress should enact legislation permanently banning the use of taxpayer funding for abortion and banning abortion in federal healthcare facilities or from being performed by federal employees.
- 3. Immigration.** Congress should pass legislation to reform immigration policy to protect children and young people, such as the Protect Vulnerable Immigrant Youth Act, to provide humanitarian protection to abused, neglected or abandoned youth.
- 4. Education.** Congress should enact legislation, such as the Educational Choice for Children Act, which empowers parents in every state with expanded educational options through federal tax credit incentives that will fund scholarships for K-12 students, including those attending Catholic schools.
- 5. Environment.** Congress should pass legislation to encourage the responsible stewardship of the environment and its natural resources by protecting and promoting our national parks and wildlife preserves.
- 6. Family.** Congress should enact legislation to support families, mothers and children, such as increasing and extending the child tax credit to include unborn children, extending the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) and providing increased funding for childcare programs and foster programs.
- 7. Conscience Protections.** Congress should pass legislation to ensure religious freedom and rights of conscience for healthcare workers and other government employees.
- 8. Why should Catholics vote for me?**