



2024 MARYLAND PRIMARY ELECTION

MARYLAND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 3 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. Their responses (agree/disagree and statements) are below. 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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Democratic and Republican candidates for Maryland Congressional District 3 are in separate tables.

PARTY	U.S. HOUSE CANDIDATES MD. DISTRICT 3		1. Poverty	2. Abortion	3. Immigration	4. Education	5. Environment	6. Family	7. Conscience Protections
D	Mark S.	Chang *	✓	X	✓	X	✓	✓	X
D	Michael	Coburn							
D	Malcolm Thomas	Colombo							
D	Abigail	Diehl							
D	Juan	Dominguez *	✓	X	✓	X	✓	✓	X
D	Lindsay	Donahue							
D	Harry Anthony	Dunn *	✓	X	✓	X	✓	✓	
D	Sarah	Elfreth							
D	Mark Steven	Gosnell *	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
D	Terri	Hill							
D	Aisha	Khan							
D	Clarence	Lam							
D	Matt	Libber							
D	Kristin Anne	Lyman Nabors							
D	John H.	Morse, III *							
D	Jake	Pretot							
D	Don	Quinn							
D	Mike	Rogers							
D	Danny Craig	Rupli							
D	Gary	Schuman *	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
D	Stewart Fred	Silver							
D	Jeff	Woodard							

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R	Arthur Radford	Baker, Jr. *	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
R	Ray	Bly *	X	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓
R	Berney	Flowers *	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
R	Thomas E. "Pinkston"	Harris							
R	Jordan	Mayo *	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓
R	Naveed	Mian *	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
R	Joshua M.	Morales *	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
R	John	Rea							
R	Robert J.	Steinberger *	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X

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We encourage you to read the additional comments provided by candidates to more fully explain their positions.

- 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.

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Mark S.	Chang	As Vice Chair of the House Appropriations Committee in the Maryland General Assembly, I supported numerous measures to expand funding for the most vulnerable in our communities.
Harry Anthony	Dunn	The role of our government is to protect our communities and help those who need it. SNAP plays a vital role in ensuring that all Americans have food on their tables each day and I will do everything in my power to ensure that continues to be the case.
Gary	Schuman	Currently the SNAP program does not re-certify recipients regularly enough. We need better oversight to limit waste and guarantee more purchasing power for each truly needy individual and family. The program needs to be focused on feeding the hungry. We must reduce abuses, and need a "HUNGER CZAR". We must oversee the crisis of starvation and malnourishment that exists in the richest nation ever on earth. Monthly there are 4 million elderly without food 4 days to pay for medicines.

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Arthur Radford	Baker, Jr.	I am a compassionate Republican. I only want to eliminate waste fraud and abuse in these programs but would never stand for anything standing in the way of a hungry child.
Ray	Bly	Too many people are cheating the system and it's not for government to feed the poor, it's the for the churches to feed the poor.
Berney	Flowers	I support SNAP benefits for American citizens. Congress should bolster SNAP benefits to alleviate food insecurity and enhance public health for the most vulnerable, while linking the program to pathways to employment and financial independence. Extending the temporary increase in SNAP benefits offers critical aid to low-income households amid rising food costs. Cuts to SNAP can lead to worsened health outcomes and increased healthcare costs.
Jordan	Mayo	This is one vital area that the US budget should not be restricted.
Naveed	Mian	I firmly believe in our social safety net, and that no child or family should go hungry. SNAP is a critical program for both families and farmers, and I believe congress should oppose further restrictions.
Joshua M.	Morales	I agree that individuals in need should receive assistance. However, I also would argue that there should be stricter criteria on not only the individuals receiving benefits but also a nutritional reform.
Robert J.	Steinberger	Some revisions may be warranted - but we must protect the most vulnerable

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.

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Juan Dominguez	There has always been a proud history of separation of church and state in our country. The first settlers came here for precisely that reason. Terminating a pregnancy is a personal decision between a person, family, and their God. Now, I believe as a practicing Catholic that one should have every other option other than an abortion at their disposal. This district will not be one by a Republican, not in a thousand years. Why not support the friendliest Democrat in the field to your cause...me.
Harry Anthony Dunn	A woman's healthcare decisions should be made between herself and her doctor. It is not my role to insert myself into that equation. We need to guarantee the rights and freedoms of all Americans, not take them away. That means using federal funds and facilities to help women get the healthcare they need, including abortions.
Mark Steven Gosnell	As a physician, I've seen this procedure save lives when a fetus is not saveable.

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Ray Bly	Abortion is cosmetic, not healthcare
Berney Flowers	I oppose federally funded abortion except in cases of rape, incest, or when there's a risk to the mother's health.
Jordan Mayo	abortions are sometimes medically necessary, and our federal government should absolutely help save mother's lives.
Naveed Mian	Federal healthcare policy should prioritize the provisions of comprehensive care including family planning, maternal, and pre-natal care to support the health and well-being of all members of our growing communities. Health freedom also means families right to choose what is best for their families.
Joshua M. Morales	I don't believe Abortions should become unattainable for women in certain situations such as rape, incest or pregnancies that threaten the life of the mother or quality of life the child will have. Taxpayers, however, should not be responsible for funding abortions.
Robert J. Steinberger	I agree in a ban on federal funding but not in completely banning from facilities or by 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.

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Mark S. Chang	As a son of immigrants, I understand the challenges experienced by our immigrant population. I support comprehensive immigration reform that focuses on streamlining the process of legal permanent residency, creating a fair pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants already in this country, and protections for DREAMers. I support raising caps on visas that can help attract the brightest and the best the world has to our nation.
Harry Anthony Dunn	I see the humanity in every person. I will do my utmost in Congress to fight for the rights of all people in our country, especially those who have gone through traumatic experiences like abuse, neglect, or abandonment. Our youth are our future, and we need to provide them with the tools to succeed, no matter what their circumstances. Everyone should be given the opportunities I was lucky enough to receive: a rigorous public education, a loving home, and a fulfilling job.
Gary Schuman	We must stop reacting to media enhanced problems. Professional police should patrol the borders protecting Americans, as well as Americans to be. We are a nation of immigrants. "Welcome the stranger for we were strangers in the land of Egypt". I was hungry and you gave me food.... I was lost and you welcomed me" These passages continue. As a Judeo-Christian country we are commanded to treat the immigrant as "a citizen of our community". Also, we need these people as much as they need us.

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Arthur Radford Baker, Jr.	Immigration policy needs to be reformed across the board, but children should not be caught in the political crossfire.
Ray Bly	No vetting of anybody coming into America illegally, 99% have been told by our courts that they do not qualify for asylum
Berney Flowers	While prioritizing the safety of American citizens and permanent residents, I see the need for a smarter immigration policy, especially for youth. This legislation excludes Special Immigrant Juveniles from the EB-4 visa category, speeding up their path to permanent legal status and relieving the EB-4 backlog. While I may not often support such measures, I acknowledge their potential benefits for religious workers and members of the U.S. Armed Forces.
Joshua M. Morales	We are facing a border crisis and passing legislation like this could increase the number of abandoned youth, under the attempt to allow them to become citizens. While I believe all children should be protected from abuse and neglect, I also believe that we would opening our country to countless children abandoned in a loophole to gain citizenship.
Robert J. Steinberger	With some guardrails

- 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.

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Juan Dominguez	Again separation of church and state. I believe most of our parishioners can afford a Catholic education if they so choose and scholarships can be made available through other funding sources other than the federal government.
Harry Anthony Dunn	I am against school vouchers. I am a strong supporter of the public education system. My sister is a teacher at a public school and my daughter attends public schools, so it's personal for me. I was privileged to attend public schools for my entire education and learned the values of hard work, service, and respect from my peers and teachers. I'm still in contact with the educators that were instrumental in my growth and I wish that for every kid going through the system. For me, I cannot support
Mark Steven Gosnell	Tax deductions, may not be able to fund the full tuition as a tax credit.
Gary Schuman	This should include other religious schools also.

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Ray Bly	It should not be taxpayer funded, it should be funded by the local jurisdiction given back to the local schools. The Federal government has a problem telling people what to do to keep the money coming into the purse and keeping the purse strings tied arbitrarily.
Berney Flowers	As a product of, and advocate for public schools, I value their role. However, I don't believe supporting private schools or scholarships will harm public education. Some schools struggle, and certain children, especially those with special needs, may benefit from private settings. This bill proposes granting tax credits to individuals and corporations for donating to organizations providing scholarships for elementary and secondary students. I endorse this measure as it offers alternatives
Naveed Mian	Every child should be given every opportunity to progress, achieve, and develop their gifts with maximum support. I am support of federal dollars being used to support families seeking the best educational opportunities for their families.
Joshua M. Morales	I believe it's a parent's right to choose what education their children receive. Majority of families do not have the luxury to send their children to private schools or to move to a better school system district. By funding educational choices, we are giving our next generation an advantage they wouldn't receive otherwise.
Robert J. Steinberger	I support access to education that works best for students and families.

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.

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Harry Anthony	Dunn	We must protect our environment and natural resources. Conserving our planet so that future generations can enjoy the beauty of America is key. I also know that climate change is an existential threat that needs to be addressed. We need to leave a livable planet for our kids. Not only that, but we need to protect American national security from the threat that climate change poses. But we can see the green energy transition as an opportunity to create a resilient American economy that provides
Gary	Schuman	We must recognize that corporatism is not Capitalism. We need to return to Capitalism, and have responsible free markets who respect the environment, and all who dwell in it. Too many behave as if humans have dominion over the animals and nature. We have opposable thumbs and larger brains; however, we are the guardians and shepherds. Only HE has dominion over the earth!

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Arthur Radford	Baker, Jr.	I am a user of national and state parks. I support their promotion and protection.
Ray	Bly	But the EPA has gone too far in putting businesses out of business with some regulations
Berney	Flowers	We need to focus on both people's well-being and protecting the environment. Throughout history, we've adapted to climate changes. It's necessary to set up secure, reliable, and affordable energy systems. We have to update our electricity and transportation infrastructure for continued success. Hurrying to use outdated renewable technologies could waste resources, show bad stewardship, and make us more vulnerable to extreme weather.
Joshua M.	Morales	National resources and wildlife should be protected at all costs through education, funding and conservation. We should be working towards preserving and protecting the natural resources, processes and values of all our national parks and wildlife preserves.
Robert J.	Steinberger	We must balance the environmental protection impact with any economic burden as we continue to improve efforts.

- 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.

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Harry Anthony	Dunn	I am fully supportive of the Child Tax Credit and other programs that will help working families. We need to ensure that families are able to provide for their children. Americans deserve that and much more.
Gary	Schuman	The only thing I can add is I will be a vociferous advocate for this and all the other issues with which I agree.

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Arthur Radford	Baker, Jr.	I only want to ensure that programs are free of waste, fraud and abuse.
Ray	Bly	That's more tax money for special interests
Berney	Flowers	I support legislation aiding families, mothers, and children, including improving the child tax credit, extending the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, and increasing funding for childcare and foster programs. However, I prioritize American citizens and permanent residents, mindful of limited resources. If spending isn't targeted at our most vulnerable, we fail in our promise to prioritize the needs of all our citizens.
Jordan	Mayo	The child tax credit is for the expense of a child. Unborn children bear no expenses other than health services to the mother. Which does not even come close to the amount spent yearly to keep a child alive. There are already programs like Medicaid that provides free health services to those women in need.
Joshua M.	Morales	Improving accommodations for health and maternity is a first step in improving the overall welfare of a child's life. This act could help to offset some of the cost of raising a family and help to ensure families don't have to make as difficult decisions or be forced to choose income over health. This could also help to reduce the risk of adverse pregnancy and birth outcomes, along with overall infant and child health outcomes.
Robert J.	Steinberger	Spending programs must be evaluated for efficiency improvement opportunities to better serve.

7. Conscience Protections. Congress should pass legislation to ensure religious freedom and rights of conscience for healthcare workers and other government employees.

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Juan Dominguez	I would need to know more about this issue with a few examples. I might be open to changing my decision here.
Harry Dunn Anthony	I believe that everyone is entitled to full and free healthcare. When doctors take the Hippocratic Oath they swear to protect and care for a patient to the best of their abilities. It is a civic duty to protect Americans: our neighbors, our friends, and our family. As a first responder in the Capitol Police, my duty was to help those in need. In matters of life and death we should care for each other to the best of our ability, both as Americans and Christians.
Mark Gosnell Steven	Not if a 'right of conscience' reflects a choice that is prejudiced against people with different belief systems.
Gary Schuman	This is an affirmation of the first amendment and even the preamble guaranteeing Life, Liberty and The Pursuit of Happiness.

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Ray Bly	All people are created equal regardless of their race, religion, ethnicity, they should be judged by their character
Berney Flowers	Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes once stated, "A policeman may have a constitutional right to talk politics, but he has no constitutional right to be a policeman." I believe professional roles may limit individuals' rights. Thus, I disagree with Congress intervening in healthcare workers' duties. Changing laws to bolster workers' religious freedom and conscience rights seems unnecessary and unwise.
Naveed Mian	Public serve is public service irrespective of personal beliefs.
Joshua Morales M.	I don't believe anyone should be coerced or threaten to participate or pay for acts that directly impact their religious beliefs or moral convictions.
Robert J. Steinberger	Ensuring religious freedom, 100%. But we must balance individual rights with other considerations, such as public health and safety.

8. Why should Catholics vote for me? (table is two pages)

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Mark S.	Chang	As a lifelong resident of the U.S. Congressional District 3, I know firsthand the needs of our diverse communities. As a son of immigrants, my personal experiences of being underrepresented and economically disadvantaged have instilled in me the passion to fight for justice in my public service career. A Vice Chair of the House Appropriations Committee in the Maryland General Assembly, I've worked extensively with constituents and communities on infrastructure investments, education, healthcare and public safety policies and funding.
Juan	Dominguez	Thanks for the opportunity. There is no friendlier Democratic candidate to a Maryland Catholic than another Catholic. I'm sure the Republican candidates are even more aligned with you, but they won't win this race. Why not back a friend?! Best, Juan Dominguez
Harry Anthony	Dunn	I am a baptized Christian, a man who leans on my faith and the values that were shaped by it. I was born into a military family and raised here in Maryland, where my parents taught me the values of duty, honor, and community. I spent 15 years as a Capitol Police Officer and defended our democracy on January 6. On that day, I saw exactly how the chaos and division we see in our government is tearing our country apart. That's why I'm running for Congress. We need leaders who are willing to come together, put in the work, and solve the issues that Marylanders care about – lowering costs, protecting a woman's right to choose, and keeping our communities safe. I've seen the legislative process up close and personal, and in Congress, I'll work with my colleagues to get real results for working families.
Mark Steven	Gosnell	I am a man of ideals, uncompromising values, and am willing to fight for our country to enact legislation that makes us all proud to be American.
John H.	Morse, III	I was not raised in a religious household, and became Catholic while attending Villanova University. As a progressive and a Catholic, my faith is grounded in the teachings of the radical Jesus, who fundamentally changed the very foundation of a world plagued by despair and want. And my life has been greatly shaped by my love of the Jesuits. I believe at my core in a faith that does justice and in the preferential option of the poor. We are all called to address climate change, structural economic inequality, discrimination and complacency, indifference, or outright surrender while so many suffer is not an option as informed by our faith. I understand that all of us in the Catholic community may not agree on every issue, but it's up to all of us to live a life of service to others informed by justice and compassion
Gary	Schuman	I believe in the Constitution, and of course The Bill of Rights. I reaffirm my preceding comment. Separation of Church and State is a 2-way street. It was actually written in the Constitution at the bequest of religious leaders. I remind everyone I address that your neighbor's freedom is your freedom. I will unite the country and bridge the divide. My personality, intelligence, passion and humor will reach all people. I have programs and budgets to demonstrate we can do all I propose. Also, one rarely hears about Constituent services. This is the most important daily job of a representative. I pledge to keep my congressional office open 24/7. We will be there when you need us. At this point in our lives, we need passion and compassion. I exude these rare qualities that so many in modern America shun.

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Arthur Radford	Baker, Jr.	I was educated in the Catholic tradition at the John Carroll School in Bel Air, MD. I am a compassionate conservative that listens to all sides of issues. My John Carroll education exposed me to diverse educational experiences including religious studies, that gave me a foundation to build upon. That foundation allowed me to obtain a Master of Arts degree and a Juris Doctor degree. In a society that seems to be drifting away from traditional values, I want to be the voice of reason, I want to be your voice.
Ray	Bly	I have common sense, hatred of war because I was in one, I have a hatred of greed, which is promoted in America, I support families, I was married 48 years after my wife died, I'm a small business owner that hates all of the statutes, regulations, and taxation on me, and I hate racism, especially in America being married to a Vietnamese lady.
Berney	Flowers	I'm a devout follower of Jesus Christ, committed to family and country. With 34 years of service as both an Airman and in the Department of Defense, I've defended our nation. At the Department of Homeland Security, I facilitated the resettlement of refugees and undocumented migrants along the US Southwest Border. I believe my experience and strong spiritual foundation uniquely qualify me to serve as Congressman for District 3, prepared to advocate for our nation's interests from day one.
Jordan	Mayo	I grew up as a Roman Catholic. Attending church most Sundays with my Sicilian great grandfather and Irish great grandmother. To this day I still hold the values instilled in me by the church and truly believe in not only freedom of religion but protection of that freedom from the federal government's recent attempts to deconstruct it.
Naveed	Mian	I myself am a person of deep faith. I understand the strength and importance of communities of faith across religions and the role we play in building broader communities. If elected to congress I will be a partner in bring our faith communities together to tackle the problems that are affecting all of us.
Joshua M.	Morales	I believe in tradition and honoring my beliefs. I work to strengthen my relationship with God and I would like to be given the chance to build a relationship with my community. I know first hand the struggle of growing up in poverty, surrounded by drugs and violence but I also found that if I lead by a different example that I could overcome what I was statistically expected to be. I believe in centering my life around helping others and serving my community. I can be a voice for those who have shared my struggles but need a hand in overcoming them. I'm not afraid to stand for what I believe in even if other oppose and I'm prepared to fight for the values, protection and benefits of my community.
Robert J.	Steinberger	I represent a pragmatic approach to developing solutions to issues we face and will be a voice for all MD. Progress results from working together.
