

MARYLAND VOTE 2026

MARYLAND PRIMARY ELECTION CANDIDATE SURVEY GENERAL ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 26

VOTE JUNE 11-18 (early voting) | JUNE 23 (Election Day)

ABOUT THE SURVEYS

The Maryland Catholic Conference surveyed candidates seeking office in the General Assembly (as well as Governor and Congress; see separate documents).

Candidates could choose “agree” or “disagree” and/or provide a statement for these questions:

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.

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.

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.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE/MEDICAL AID IN DYING. 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/medical aid in dying.

WHY SHOULD MARYLAND CATHOLICS VOTE FOR YOU?

We encourage you to use these materials and the resources at mdcatholic.org/elections, to help you inform your conscience before voting.

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Candidate statements follow grid

DISTRICT 26			Poverty	Environment	Education	Against Physician Assisted Suicide	Addl. Comments
STATE SENATE CANDIDATES							
26	D	Antonio Driver					
26	D	C. Anthony Muse	●	●	●		Yes
STATE DELEGATE CANDIDATES							
26	D	Reginald Martin					
26	D	Dani E. Moore-King	●	●	●	●	Yes
26	D	Veronica Turner					
26	D	Kriselda Valderrama					
26	D	Jamila J. Woods					
26	R	JoAnn Y. Fisher	X		X	●	Yes
26	R	Ike Puzon	●	X	●	●	Yes

D = Democrat | R= Republican : Green = agree | Red = disagree | Blank = no response



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.

DISTRICT 26 SENATE CANDIDATES

26	D	C. Anthony Muse	My voting record will show that I have always supported legislation to provide the basic necessities for Maryland's low-income residents. As a pastor, my theological stance has been that God calls upon us to care for the poor. That is what I've done for more than 40 years as a pastor.
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DISTRICT 26 DELEGATE CANDIDATES

26	D	Dani E. Moore-King	<p>Yes — funding must be maintained and strategically increased.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to food, housing, and healthcare is not optional. It is foundational to stability. • When families have their basic needs met, communities are safer, healthier, and more economically productive. • Strategic investment now reduces long-term costs in emergency services, healthcare, and public safety. • We must prioritize accountability to ensure resources are reaching the people who need them most. • This is about dignity, equity, and building a Maryland that works for everyone.
26	R	JoAnn Y. Fisher	Funding in Maryland’s budget should not be increased because we have a high deficit which is affecting us all. Better money management is needed which I am concerned about.
26	R	Ike Puzon	An audit should be conducted to make sure best practices are in place

2. 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.

DISTRICT 26 SENATE CANDIDATES

No responses.

DISTRICT 26 DELEGATE CANDIDATES

26	D	Dani E. Moore-King	Yes — with a common-sense approach. Incentivize, don't overburden families or small businesses, Prioritize practical, proven solutions that lower costs and emissions, Focus on accessibility so everyday residents can benefit, Ensure accountability and measurable results, Balance environmental responsibility with economic stability
26	R	JoAnn Y. Fisher	I do not support the State of Maryland initiatives to encourage Maryland residents, businesses and non-profits to reduce their carbon footprint. The initiatives focus mainly on electricity with little consideration for the impact on the grid as well as the future cost for the maintenance of these programs or how well they work.
26	R	Ike Puzon	This question does not appear to be in the arena of Maryland Catholic arena - I am not sure why you are asking a climate question.

3. 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.

DISTRICT 26 SENATE CANDIDATES

26	D	C. Anthony Muse	Again, my record will show that I've not only supported scholarship funding for low-income non-public school students, but that I've also supported legislation to increase funding for non-public schools.
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DISTRICT 26 DELEGATE CANDIDATES

26	D	Dani E. Moore-King	Yes — with a common-sense approach. Incentivize, don't overburden families or small businesses; Prioritize practical, proven solutions that lower costs and emissions; Focus on accessibility so everyday residents can benefit; Ensure accountability and measurable results; Balance environmental responsibility with economic stability
26	R	JoAnn Y. Fisher	Expanding the State of Maryland existing funding to provide scholarships for low-income students who wish to attend the K-12 nonpublic school best suited for their educational needs should not be expanded at this time because of our State Budget deficit.
26	R	Ike Puzon	Absolutely agree that non-public schools should receive these funds

4. PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE/MEDICAL AID IN DYING

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/medical aid in dying.

DISTRICT 26 SENATE CANDIDATES

26	D	C. Anthony Muse	I've always opposed assisted suicide. When the issue came to my committee, where all such legislation starts (Judicial Proceedings), I've always opposed the issue and withheld my committee vote to prevent the bills' progression from the committee to the full senate floor. I believe life is sacred, and that only God has the right to take it!
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DISTRICT 26 DELEGATE CANDIDATES

26	R	JoAnn Y. Fisher	I agree with the Maryland General Assembly passing in 1999 legislation making it a felony for an individual to assist in another individual's suicide. At this time, I do not believe in Physician Assisted Suicide/Medical Aid in Dying because of my personal concern for life and religious beliefs. I know some people really suffer and dying would give them peace. That is decision their family has to make.
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5. WHY SHOULD MARYLAND CATHOLICS VOTE FOR YOU?

DISTRICT 26 SENATE CANDIDATES

26	D	C. Anthony Muse	I've been a responsible, effective voice for the residents of my district and the state of Maryland. I've worked with representatives of the Catholic Conference on issues most important to Maryland's Catholic citizens. I've fought for the poor, supported housing initiatives to help them, and I've fought against big businesses that do not pay their fair share of taxes, making it more difficult to assist vulnerable seniors, veterans, young people and others. I've supported grants & funding. If our wealthiest would pay their share, the state would be able to care for our most vulnerable.
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26	R	JoAnn Y. Fisher	Maryland Catholics should vote for me because of my intense Community Service to help the poor needy, our elderly, seniors, young people, etc. I strongly support peace and Christianity for I believe we can all work together to make a difference in each other's lives. I really care about America, my community, people I meet, etc. So much has to be done now to improve the quality of life for all of us.
26	R	Ike Puzon	I am a pro-life, pro-parent, pro-police, pro-ICE candidate. I support non-public schools and school choice for parents and students. Our Maryland public schools are broke and are not graduating students that can read, write, or pass math and science at grade levels. I will vote against any TAX increase. I will vote against any defunding of police. I will vote for parents on almost any issue.