

MARYLAND VOTE 2026

MARYLAND PRIMARY ELECTION CANDIDATE SURVEY GENERAL ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 37

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 37			Poverty	Environment	Education	Against Physician Assisted Suicide	Addl. Comments
STATE SENATE CANDIDATES							
37	D	Edmund J. Barrett	●	●	X	X	Yes
37	D	Katie G. Clendaniel					
37	R	Johnny Mautz					
STATE DELEGATE CANDIDATES							
37A	D	Sheree Sample-Hughes					
37B	D	Marco Antonio Garcia					
37B	D	Michele W. Johnson					
37B	R	Chris Adams					
37B	R	Tom Hutchinson					

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 37 SENATE CANDIDATES

37	D	Edmund J. Barrett	I believe that we, as a community, need to rally around the most vulnerable. This is a basic tenet of Christianity. I was a Habitat for Humanity volunteer for many years. When I lived in the Annapolis area, I supported Anne Arundel Connecting Together - an interdenominational community organization to work together on issues like affordable housing, social justice, and public accountability. its mission statement reads like something Pope Francis or Pope Leo would've written. I would like to see the Dioceses of Maryland joining their efforts.
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DISTRICT 37 DELEGATE CANDIDATES

No responses.

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 37 SENATE CANDIDATES

37	D	Edmund J. Barrett	The environment is one of the most important areas of emphasis in our campaign. Not only is the Chesapeake Bay, the surrounding wetlands, forests, and farms a large part of our area and economy, they also help define our identity. As the AI/Quantum Computing economy takes off - and that is inevitable at this point - our energy needs will increase significantly. This will present a real challenge to Pope Leo's charge to take care of our planet. Clean, renewable energy will be an important aspect of that. Solar and wind power should be expanded, to include tax credits and grants.
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DISTRICT 37 DELEGATE CANDIDATES

No responses.

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 37 SENATE CANDIDATES

37	D	Edmund J. Barrett	I know this isn't the answer you're looking for but our emphasis with public moneys must be public schools. My parents were both the product of Catholic schools. Most of my family are practicing Catholics and many attended Catholic schools ... but if we are devoting public funds to Catholic schools, that also means that we'll be forced to fund other schools, some of which my have beliefs we find repugnant, bigoted, or otherwise objectionable. We need, first, to ensure that the baseline public schools have adequate funding to provide opportunity to vulnerable communities.
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DISTRICT 37 DELEGATE CANDIDATES

No responses.

4. PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE/MEDICAL AID IN DYING

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DISTRICT 37 SENATE CANDIDATES

37	D	Edmund J. Barrett	I believe issues like these should not be up to a legislative body. They are incredibly personal decisions, and should focus on the dignity of the person involved, and be made by that individual with the council of his/her family, doctor, and clergyman of that person's choice. Adding the Maryland State Legislature to that decision cannot be a recipe for anything good. I'd keep Annapolis out of this.
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DISTRICT 37 DELEGATE CANDIDATES

No responses.

5. WHY SHOULD MARYLAND CATHOLICS VOTE FOR YOU?

DISTRICT 37 SENATE CANDIDATES

37	D	Edmund J. Barrett	They should vote for me because, raised in the tradition, I share their values. I even considered the priesthood as a teenager (although I realized that was probably to make my grandmother proud). I've been especially inspired by the papacies of Francis and Leo. I must confess that my parents stopped attending church in my teens, because they were put off by the wealth and pageantry of the church and felt it was losing its way. I wish they had lived to see the last two popes. They would have loved them, as I do.
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DISTRICT 37 DELEGATE CANDIDATES

No responses.