

Pennsylvania Catholic Conference
Candidate Questionnaire – Primary Election 2014

Tom Corbett (R) – Candidate for Governor

- What is your position on legislation that would provide direct grants to parents to choose the schools that they believe are best suited for their children, including non-public schools?

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COMMENTS: My administration increased funding for the EITC program and established the Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit to promote greater access to educational options.

- Which statement reflects your position most accurately?

_____ I support legalized abortion.

_____ I oppose legalized abortion in all circumstances.

I oppose legalized abortion, except when the life of the mother is in danger or the pregnancy is a result of rape or incest.

- What is your position on legislation that would add state restrictions to existing federal prohibitions concerning the hiring of undocumented immigrants or providing healthcare or government services to the undocumented immigrant?

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COMMENTS: Pennsylvania has a responsibility to ensure the eligibility of all participants.

- What is your position on legalizing same-sex marriage?

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COMMENTS: I support legislation to safeguard attempts to redefine marriage in Pennsylvania.

- Which statement reflects your position most accurately?

_____ Pennsylvania's anti-discrimination laws for housing, employment and public accommodation should include "sexual orientation" and "gender identity or expression" as protected classes, no exceptions.

Pennsylvania's anti-discrimination laws for housing, employment and public accommodation should include "sexual orientation" and "gender identity or expression" as protected classes, but should contain exceptions in narrow circumstances to protect religious institutions.

_____ Pennsylvania's anti-discrimination laws for housing, employment and public accommodation should include "sexual orientation" and "gender identity or expression" as protected classes, but should contain exceptions in narrow circumstances to protect religious conscience for business owners.

_____ Pennsylvania should not amend its anti-discrimination laws to add “sexual orientation” and “gender identity and expression” as protected classes at this time.

COMMENTS: As the former Attorney General, I was responsible for a civil rights unit tasked with defending Pennsylvanians from discrimination. Pennsylvanians should not be denied housing or employment on this basis.

- Assuming there is money in the state budget, what is your position on increasing funding for textbooks and instructional materials for non-public school students at the same rate as increases in subsidies for public school students?

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COMMENTS: I would support increased funding for textbooks and instructional materials if money is available in the state budget.

- Which statement reflects your position most accurately?

_____ Pennsylvania should accept federal funds under the Affordable Care Act and allow more people, including the working poor, to participate in Medicaid.

Pennsylvania should use the additional federal funds under the Affordable Care Act to allow more people, including the working poor, to access the private insurance market.

_____ Pennsylvania should not accept Affordable Care Act funds.

COMMENTS: My *HealthyPA* proposal is designed to leverage federal dollars to improve access, quality and affordability of health insurance available on the private market.

- What is your position on the death penalty?

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COMMENTS: It is needed as a deterrent and penalty for heinous crimes.

- Which statement reflects your position most accurately?

_____ Religious childcare and pre-kindergarten providers should be subject to government review of educational content.

Religious childcare and pre-kindergarten providers should follow state standards for health and safety of children, but be free to determine their own educational content based on the teachings of their faith tradition.

_____ Religious childcare and pre-kindergarten providers should be free from government regulation.