

Pennsylvania Catholic Conference
PA Governor Questionnaire - General Election 2010

As part of an effort to educate citizens about candidates and their positions on issues important to Catholic voters, the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference (PCC) sent a questionnaire to candidates for statewide office to give them the opportunity to make their positions known on key issues. The questions and answers provided here are for information purposes only; the PCC does not endorse candidates for political office.

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 nonpublic schools?

ONORATO Did not indicate*

* *I support, and would expand, the Educational Improvement Tax Credit.*

CORBETT SUPPORT*

* *Funding should follow the student through avenues such as vouchers.*

Do you support or oppose embryonic stem cell research?

ONORATO Did not indicate*

* *I oppose the creation of embryos for stem cell research.*

CORBETT OPPOSE*

* *Promising research can be pursued without creating or destroying embryos.*

What is your position on amending the Pennsylvania Constitution to define marriage as the union between one man and one woman?

ONORATO OPPOSE*

* *I support the current law, which includes this definition.*

CORBETT SUPPORT*

* *A Constitutional amendment would help safeguard marriage against an alternative agenda.*

Which statement reflects your position most accurately?

- a. I do not oppose legalized abortion.
- b. I oppose legalized abortion in all circumstances.
- c. I oppose legalized abortion, except when the life of the mother is in danger.
- d. I oppose legalized abortion, except when the life of the mother is in danger or the pregnancy is a result of rape or incest.

ONORATO Did not indicate*

* *As governor, I would support Pennsylvania's current law.*

CORBETT d.

Do you support or oppose legislation that would add state restrictions to existing federal prohibitions concerning the hiring of undocumented immigrants or the provision of healthcare or government services to the undocumented?

ONORATO Did not indicate*

* *This issue is best addressed at the federal level.*

CORBETT SUPPORT*

* *Pennsylvania has a responsibility to ensure eligibility of all participants.*

What is your position on the death penalty in Pennsylvania?

ONORATO SUPPORT

CORBETT SUPPORT*

* *It's needed as a disincentive and penalty for heinous crimes.*

What is your position on restoring state funding to the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program for the aged, blind and disabled Pennsylvanians?

ONORATO SUPPORT*

** I support this restoration once the state's financial conditional allows.*

CORBETT SUPPORT*

** Supporting targeted populations should be prioritized while reducing overall spending.*

What is your position on legislation requiring employers to provide employee benefits to which they are morally opposed, for example, mandating coverage for contraceptives or benefits to same-sex partners of employees?

ONORATO Did not indicate*

** I would consider on a case-by-case basis with religious exemptions.*

CORBETT OPPOSE*

** I oppose mandates contrary to the moral conscience of employers.*

Which statement reflects your position most accurately?

- a. Religious childcare and pre-kindergarten providers should be subject to government review of educational content.
- b. 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.
- c. Religious childcare and pre-kindergarten providers should be free from government regulation.

ONORATO b.

CORBETT c.*

** Providers should develop services appropriate for their faith community.*

Do you support or oppose legislation that would restrict taxpayer funding of abortion in Pennsylvania's health insurance exchange created by the federal health care law?

ONORATO SUPPORT*

** I support the longstanding restriction against using public funds.*

CORBETT SUPPORT*

** Pennsylvania taxpayers should not be required to fund abortion.*

What is your position on legislation that forces health care providers to provide, pay for or refer for services contrary to their conscience for moral or religious reasons?

ONORATO Did not indicate*

** We should protect both religious institutions and patient rights.*

CORBETT OPPOSE*

** I support safeguarding the moral conscience of Pennsylvania's healthcare providers.*

Do you support or oppose increased funding for Educational Improvement Tax Credits (EITC) if the state budget includes an increase in public school funding?

ONORATO SUPPORT*

** I support an increase if the state's financial condition allows.*

CORBETT SUPPORT*

** EITC funding should increase if public school funding increases.*

