

VOTE 2020



Politics is Charity:



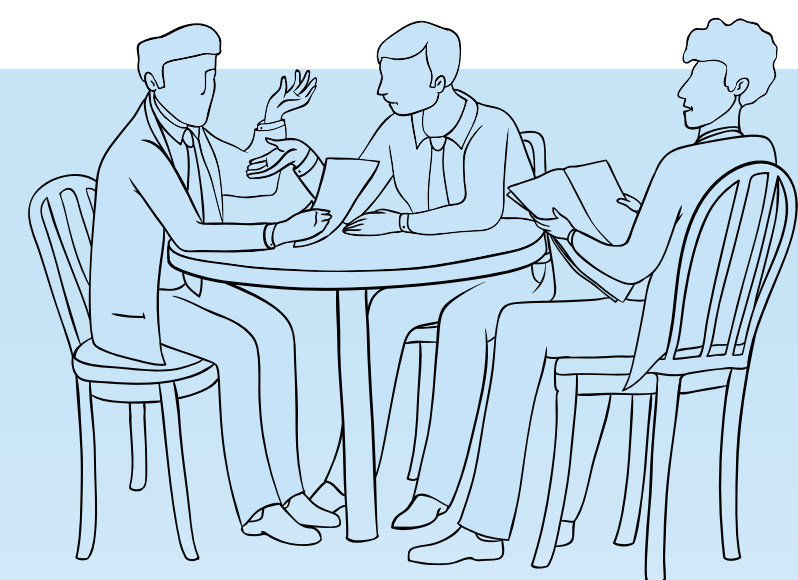
We, Christians, cannot ‘play Pilate’ and wash our hands... **We must participate in politics because politics is one of the highest forms of charity because it seeks the common good.** And Christian laypeople must work in politics.

Pope Francis, Address to Students of the Jesuit Schools of Italy and Albania, June 7, 2013



But **who** do we vote for?

Which candidate is best aligned with Catholic Social Teaching?



Human Dignity

All CST flows from this: the inherent dignity of every person that comes from being made in God's image.



Solidarity

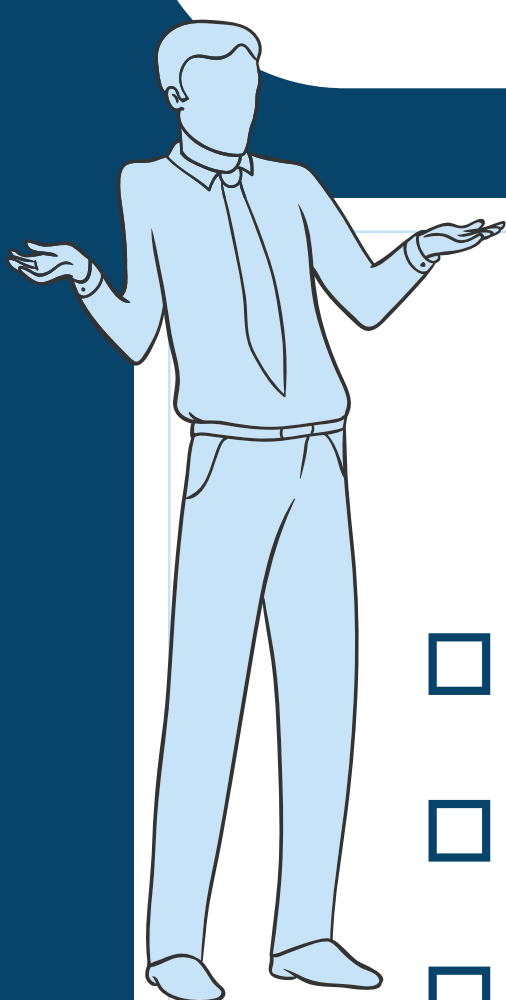
Each person is connected to and dependent on all humanity—collectively and individually. We are all interdependent.



Subsidiarity

“A community of higher order should not interfere in the internal life of a community of a lower order.”

(Pope Pius XI, Quadragesimo Anno, 184-186)



More specifically, does the platform support the right to...

- Life
- Live in a united family
- Live in a moral environment
- Develop one's intelligence and freedom
- Work
- Establish a family
- Religious freedom

Pope St. John Paul II, Centesimus Annus, 47



But what does it mean, in practical terms, to promote **moral truth** in the world of politics?



It means...

- » act responsibly on the basis of objective facts
- » deconstruct political ideologies which supplant truth and promote pseudo-values
- » foster a commitment to base positive law on the natural law

Pope Benedict XVI, World Day of Peace Message 2011, 12

Still Unsure?

In the economic sector, does the platform:



Guarantee individual freedom



Ensure efficient services are provided



Ensure a stable currency



Guarantee private property rights



Keep state intervention from harming economic and civil freedoms



Intervene when monopolies create delays or obstacles to development



Exercise a 'substitute function' briefly in times of crisis



Ensure job opportunities by
1. Necessary stimulation
2. Support amid crisis

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I urge you to move on from a faith of convenience to a mature faith that is expressed in clear personal choices that are **decisive and courageous.**

Pope St. John Paul II, Homily, 6 June 2004, Allemend SQ, Bern, Switzerland



It is time to reclaim and renovate our Catholic traditions and teachings, and put them to the service of **our fellow man.**

Visit a candidate's website.
Use this infographic to begin evaluating their platform.