

Bruce Lunsford (D)
Mitch McConnell (R)

No Response Whatsoever
No Response Whatsoever

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE - 4TH DISTRICT

Michael Kelley (D)
Geoff Davis (R)

No Response Whatsoever
Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE - 6TH DISTRICT

Ben Chandler (D)
Jon Larson (R)

No Response Whatsoever
No Response Whatsoever

STATE SENATOR - 11TH DISTRICT

John Schickel (R)

Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

STATE SENATOR - 17TH DISTRICT

Micah L. Ingram (Constitution Party)
Robert Powell (D)
Damon Thayer (R)

(Late entry - unable to timely send him a questionnaire - no knowledge of his positions)
No Response Whatsoever
Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

STATE SENATOR - 23RD DISTRICT

Kathy Groob (D)
Jack Westwood (R)

No Response Whatsoever
Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 60TH DISTRICT

Sal Santoro (R)

Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 61ST DISTRICT

Royce W. Adams (D)
Stephen Wood (R)

No Response Whatsoever
Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 63RD DISTRICT

Ken Padgett (D)
Alecia Webb-Edgington (R)

Responded, but declined to answer questionnaire
Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 64TH DISTRICT

Thomas Robert Kerr (R)

Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 65TH DISTRICT

Arnold R. Simpson (D)

No Response Whatsoever

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 66TH DISTRICT

Addia Kathryn Wuchner (R)

Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 67TH DISTRICT

Dennis Keene (D)

No Response Whatsoever

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 68TH DISTRICT

Joseph M. Fischer (R)

Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 69TH DISTRICT

Merrick S. Krey (D)
Adam Koenig (R)

No Response Whatsoever
No Response Whatsoever

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 78TH DISTRICT

Thomas M. McKee (D)

No Response Whatsoever



"I am committed never again to cast a vote for a politician who would kill one innocent baby. These little ones have no defense except that which we provide for them. Never will I use my influence, however remotely, to support the shedding of their blood." Dr. James Dobson, Founder of Focus on the Family

"No cause takes precedence over the preservation of innocent human life. It would be irresponsible for us to claim to be pro-life while voting for candidates who support the right to abortion." Bishop John Smith, Trenton, New Jersey

The longstanding policy of NKRTL-PAC regarding candidates for public office is clear, and consistent:

1. We send to each candidate a list of questions comprehensively covering the core sanctity of all innocent human life issues, with a detailed explanatory cover letter, explaining the Pro-Life position regarding each issue, and the reasons and authoritative citations for such positions.
2. We explain that we will faithfully publish the candidate's responses, or non-responses, reserving the right to make an endorsement, or recommendation, or take no formal action at all.
3. We advise the candidates that a non-response can only be interpreted as unfavorable in that they either oppose the Pro-Life positions, or are disinterested in these vital issues.
4. We publish as much as we know about the public record and statements of the candidates on these vital issues.
5. We never **endorse** a candidate unless his or her answers are 100 percent Pro-Life.
6. We sometimes make a **recommendation** of a candidate, after a full disclosure of his positions, if his responses are not 100 percent Pro-Life but stand him materially above the other candidates who have answered our questionnaire.

Based upon these criteria, NKRTL-PAC publishes its conclusions and comments regarding the candidates in this November 4, 2008, general election in Kentucky.

Northern Kentucky Right to Life Political Action Committee has issued **Endorsements and/or Recommendations** of some candidates in the **upcoming election**. These are based not only on the stated public positions of the candidates, including their answers to NKRTL's questionnaire, but also their past public records: Based upon the firm belief that what one has done is entitled to significantly more consideration than what one says ("By their fruits, ye shall know them ..." Matthew 7:16), NKRTL undertakes herein to publish what it knows of the public record of these candidates, whether they are incumbents or those seeking office for the first time.

The gravity of the surgical slaughter of 4,400 innocent children each day (one every 20 seconds) – and the even greater number of chemical abortions – demands that we ask of every citizen, particularly those aspiring to public office: "What are you doing to stop the killing?"

If a candidate supported terrorism, would you bother to ask him where he stands on other issues???

NKRTL-PAC does not necessarily make **Endorsements or Recommendations** in every race. NKRTL-PAC never endorses a candidate unless he is 100% Pro-Life, with no exceptions. Sometimes, when NKRTL-PAC considers a candidate superior to the rest of the field, it will make a Recommendation, even though the candidate falls short of its 100% standard for Endorsement.

NKRTL must point out to the reader that some candidates have taken it upon themselves to modify our questions, thereby failing to answer them specifically, and indeed making exceptions of their own, while simultaneously attempting to answer "yes," to attempt to present a Pro-Life position. Since the candidate has not answered "no," and their response cannot be truly reported as "yes" after they have modified or imposed conditions of their own, NKRTL has appropriately reported those evasive answers with an asterisk (*). They failed to answer the questions as asked. Such action by the candidate deprives the voter of information on the candidate's position on the issues which the candidate avoided answering.

PRESIDENTIAL RACE

Democratic

The nominee of the Democratic Party is **U.S. Senator Barack Obama (D) of Illinois**, who has a strident 100 percent pro-abortion voting record, and as a state senator in Illinois even voted against the Born Alive Infant Protection Act, which requires medical care to be furnished to the child who survives an abortion. A similar bill passed Congress before Obama became a U.S. senator, and was voted favorably upon even by other strident pro-abortion Democratic senators such as **Clinton, Leahy**, etc. Obama has made his pro-abortion position a key plank of his campaign and indicates that it will enjoy top priority in his administration, especially the appointment of pro-abortion judges to the federal courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court, which will likely have two or three vacancies occur in the next four years, for appointment by whoever is elected president.

Sen. Obama has named as his vice presidential running mate the pro-abortion **U.S. Sen. Joseph Biden (D)** of Delaware. The 8/23/08 *Enquirer* article emphasized that Biden was "a Catholic" (called by Barack Obama a "committed Catholic," which is obviously an oxymoron since Biden dissents from central core teachings of the Catholic Church), which many people think is Obama's effort to shore up his candidacy with an electorate with which he is obviously very weak. Others think that this may well be a two-edged sword in that the issue much submerged by many "Catholic" pro-abortion politicians and indeed by many bishops, i.e., the illogical and immoral effort by politicians to separate their personal moral beliefs from their public life, and the secondary issue of the duty of Catholic bishops (likewise avoided by many of them) to enforce Canon Law, which compels denial of Holy Communion to such politicians (Canon 915).

These issues are now bound to get a good deal more play with Biden's nomination.

On the local Catholic radio station, **Sacred Heart Radio**, 740 AM, on the morning of August 23, the highly respected **Archbishop of Denver, Charles Chaput** was interviewed by **Raymond Arroyo of EWTN**, who inquired of the Bishop as to these issues. Chaput dealt with these issues candidly, and restated his previously stated public position that if a Catholic politician continues to vote for the destruction of innocent unborn babies, the bishop should first advise the candidate privately of this inconsistency, and if the candidate remains intransigent, then he "must be denied" Holy Communion, because he of course is not in communion with the Church, and indeed is in violation of a fundamental teaching, i.e., the sanctity of innocent human life.

Chaput was further asked about the statement of the **National Conference of Catholic Bishops** on elections. He agreed that it "could be a little clearer," but asserted that it would be "impossible" to postulate any other moral issue which has sufficient weight to counterbalance the candidate's support for the destruction of innocent human life. He pointed out that if there were indeed no Pro-Life candidates to be considered, then a Catholic voter could vote for the candidate who is less pro-abortion, and make his decision on issues other than the abortion issue.

He was asked about Obama's answer in the recent televised debate between himself and McCain in a Protestant church, when Obama answered that "when human life begins is above my pay grade." The Bishop pointed out that Obama's answer was disingenuous, first because the question didn't call for the opinion of the candidates as to when human life began, but rather called for a statement of when the life of the unborn child was entitled to legal rights. Chaput went on to point out that indeed every time

Obama made a decision to vote for the destruction of unborn life, he was making a decision on that question, i.e., that the unborn child was not entitled to legal rights, and Obama's answer therefore was disingenuous.

At the end of the interview, Arroyo asked the Archbishop if he had any advice for Catholic voters, and the Archbishop responded directly and candidly: "Don't believe those who say that we can separate our religious beliefs from our public life."

Archbishop Chaput's analysis of these issues is handled in more depth in his new book, *Render Unto Caesar...*

Archbishop Chaput was not invited to give a prayer at the Democratic National Convention, even though it was held in Denver, the seat of his archdiocese. Instead, on that evening he attended a Pro-Life prayer vigil with **Alveda King**, the niece of **Martin Luther King, Jr.**, in the Martin Luther King Park in Denver, near a Planned Parenthood abortuary.

The scandal of misleading actions and statements by apostate "Catholic" politicians continued with the gratuitous statement of pro-abortion **U.S. House of Representative Speaker Nancy Pelosi** on *Meet the Press* on August 24, who stated that, "As an ardent, practicing Catholic," she had researched the matter and found that Church leaders for centuries had not been able to agree on when life begins. Swift and strong repudiation followed from Archbishop Chaput, **New York Archbishop Edward M. Egan**, **Washington, D.C. Archbishop Donald Wuerl**, and **Cardinal Justin Rigali**, **Archbishop of Philadelphia**, and **Bishop William E. Lori of Bridgeport, Connecticut**, Chairmen, respectively, of the **Pro-Life and Doctrine Committees of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops**, who pointed out that few paragraphs had contained more falsehoods, and that the _____ rich teaching, since the first century, "has affirmed the moral evil of every abortion and...has not changed and remains unchangeable." The official statement of the USCCB pointed out that in the Middle Ages "uninformed and inadequate biological theories" about the development of a child in the mother's womb had led some theologians to debate in Canon law a distinction in penalties between early and later abortions: "The Church's moral teaching never justified or permitted abortion at any stage of development."

Had "Catholic" Pelosi referred simply to the official teaching of the Catholic Church as contained in the *Catholic Catechism*, Section 2271, she would have found: "Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable," citing the Didache, the catechism of the Apostles: "You shall not kill the embryo by abortion and shall not cause the newborn to perish."

Other high-ranking Catholic officials have weighed in on related issues. **Archbishop Raymond Burke**, recently elevated from Archbishop of St. Louis, Missouri, to Prefect of the Signatura in Rome (meaning chief justice of the supreme court of the Roman Catholic Church), reiterated his frequently stated teaching that apostate Catholics, publicly supporting the killing of unborn babies, should be first admonished from persistence in that position, and, if he then "persists in public moral sin and attempts to receive Communion, the minister of the Eucharist has the obligation to deny it to him," for the reason first there is involved the salvation of that person, and secondly scandal (danger to the souls of others) given by the Church permitting such a sacrilegious act

As to the question of the obligation of Catholic citizens not to advance abortion by electing pro-abortion candidates, the **Kansas Catholic Bishops Conference** has just issued a Voters Guide setting forth the clear principles applicable: "In light of the above, we would commit moral evil if we were to vote for a candidate who takes a permissive stand on those actions that are intrinsically evil when there is a morally acceptable alternative. ...So when there is no choice of a candidate that avoids supporting intrinsically evil actions, especially elective abortion, we should vote in such a way as to allow the least harm to innocent human life and dignity. ...We would not be acting immorally therefore if we were to vote for a candidate who is not totally acceptable in order to defeat one who poses an even greater threat to human life and dignity."

Republican

U.S. Senator John McCain (R) of Arizona is the nominee of the Republican Party. Senator McCain has been praised by **Fr. Frank Pavone**, **National Director of Priests for Life**, for "a clear and convincing pro-life record," and praised also by **Cincinnati Right to Life activist Dr. John C. Willke**, who writes in its newsletter that at the July convention of the National Right to Life Committee (which you will remember that NRL approves endorsement of candidates who are less than totally Pro-Life, and indeed NRL refuses to get involved in the chemical abortion issue at all) that McCain told them that he would resolutely oppose abortion as a president and that "you need only to examine my public record to know I won't change my position." More recently, Willke repeated the same misrepresenting statement that McCain "has a fairly solid pro-life voting record."

Unfortunately, both of these writers fail to deal with **McCain's actual record**, which includes (1) his votes in favor of using taxpayer funds to finance embryonic stem-cell research (necessitating the destruction of live pre-born human beings); (2) his opposition to the U.S. Congress' intervention to save Terri Schiavo's life; (3) his opposition to the Republican Party platform plank which calls for a Human Life Amendment, which Sen. McCain found unacceptable because it did not allow destruction of unborn children conceived in rape and incest; and (4) the fact that he was one of the two prime sponsors of the McCain-Feingold Bill which limited when right-to-life groups can publish the pro-abortion record of pro-abortion politicians. This legislation was subsequently held unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court as a blatant violation of free speech rights of private groups.

Sen. McCain also voted in 1993 to confirm to the U.S. Supreme Court the admitted pro-abortion liberal, **Ruth Bader Ginsburg**, who had been an attorney for the stridently pro-abortion American Civil Liberties Union. In addition, he formed the "Gang of 14," seven senators from each party, to block the GOP senate from invoking the "nuclear option," i.e., empowering the GOP to break a filibuster of judicial nominees by majority vote - unless the seven Democrats agreed.

On the other hand, Sen. McCain has voted for Pro-Life measures in the Senate, including banning abortions on military bases, banning partial-birth abortion, granting protection to the survivor of abortion in the Unborn Victims of Violence Act, etc.

Sen. McCain has named as his vice presidential running mate a remarkable and uncompromising Pro-Lifer, **Mrs. Sarah Palin**, Governor of Alaska. Palin is the mother of five, is strongly Pro-Life, and opposes gay marriage, which is constitutionally banned in Alaska, but she nonetheless exercised a gubernatorial veto over legislation that would have granted benefits to gay state employees and their partners. The positive reaction to Palin's selection from Pro-Life groups is overwhelming, including praise from **Tony Perkins** of the **Family Research Council**.

During her last pregnancy, she and her husband learned that her unborn child was a victim of Down's Syndrome, but gave no

consideration to abortion: "We've both been very vocal about being pro-life," she said. "We understand that every innocent life has wonderful potential....We knew through early testing he would face special challenges, and we feel privileged that God would entrust us with this gift and allow us unspeakable joy as he entered our lives. We have faith that every baby is created for a good purpose and has the potential to make this world a better place. We are truly blessed."

In her speech following her nomination by Sen. McCain, Mrs. Palin stated: "Principles and independence mean more than the party line." She has given proof to this by her previous experience in Alaska, where she opposed the **Republican Governor Frank Murkowski (R)**, who had served 22 years in the U.S. Senate before winning the governor's seat in 2002, and publicly criticized **U.S. Sen. Ted Stevens** for obvious corruption in office.

While she is in favor of additional oil and gas drilling, including in her own state, she added the statement: "Alaskans know I am pro-life and I have never wavered in my belief in the sanctity of every human life. These issues are so important they shouldn't be diluted with oil and gas deliberations."

Governor Palin last November lambasted a decision by the Alaskan Supreme Court that permitted underage girls to obtain abortions without parental consent, calling the decision "outrageous," and instructing the Attorney General to file a petition for rehearing.

The refreshing rise to national political prominence of such a strong Pro-Life woman brings to memory the statement made many years ago by **Dr. Mildred F. Jefferson**, a black Methodist physician and a longtime Pro-Life, that the **National Organization of Women** should change its name to the National Organization of Some Women, since it obviously does not favor all women, but only those who choose to kill their babies.

While Pro-Lifers would not expect the support of Governor Palin by strident pro-abortionists, we feel confident that the nomination of this attractive, articulate, and principled lady will furnish a national platform for the reinvigoration of these issues, and indeed will result in the change of hearts of many people.

If Governor Palin were the presidential nominee, she would clearly earn a Pro-Life endorsement. But we must remember that legislative initiatives, executive orders and appointments, including the all-important judicial appointments, and policy determinations, belong not to the vice president, but to the president. We can only hope that if Sen. John McCain is elected, Governor Palin might have some considerable influence over his decisions in these respects. But we must also look at his long -- and recently reiterated -- pro-abortion actions, in opposing a Human Life Amendment, and in continued support for the horror of embryonic stem-cell research which necessarily involves the purposeful creation and destruction of innocent human life.

Therefore, NKRTL-PAC cannot in conscience endorse or recommend a vote for either Obama or McCain.

U.S. SENATE

Senator McConnell (R) has declined to answer our questionnaire, thereby denying the electorate his position on life issues. On the other hand, he does have a Pro-Life voting record in the U.S. Senate, which distinguishes him dramatically from his Democratic opponent, **Bruce Lunsford (D)**, who not only failed to answer our questionnaire, but indeed has an active and long 35-year history of pro-abortion activity, including personal and large financial support of pro-abortion politicians. In the *Post* (4/23/07), Lunsford stated that he supports "a woman's right to choose."

Based on these considerations, **NKRTL-PAC recommends the reelection of Senator Mitch McConnell (R).**

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE - 4TH DISTRICT

NKRTL-PAC strongly endorses the incumbent Congressman Geoff Davis (R), who has a 100 percent Pro-Life voting record, and gave 100 percent Pro-Life answers to our questionnaire, as opposed to his Democratic opponent, who declined to disclose to the voting public his position on these critical life issues.

It has always seemed clear to us that if you were a candidate without any Pro-Life record, and supported the Pro-Life cause, and were solicited for an opportunity to disclose those Pro-Life positions to a Pro-Life reading audience in a Pro-Life newsletter, what logical reason would there be for failing to answer the questionnaire? The answer, of course, is obvious -- none, and therefore these people do not have favorable answers to our questions and simply don't wish to disclose that. Their reasons may be that they support abortion or certain exceptions, or embryonic stem-cell research, or that they are unwilling to refuse to support pro-abortion politicians in their own party, etc. In any event, their lack of transparency is indeed itself very transparent.

STATE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE SENATOR - 17TH DISTRICT

NKRTL-PAC endorses incumbent State Senator Damon Thayer (R), based not only upon his Pro-Life responses to our questionnaire, but also upon his voting record as an incumbent state senator.

STATE SENATOR - 23RD DISTRICT

NKRTL-PAC endorses the reelection of State Senator Jack Westwood (R), based not only on his 100 percent Pro-Life responses to our questionnaire, but also upon his 100 percent Pro-Life voting record in the state legislature for many years. He has initiated and supported many Pro-Life bills. His opponent not only refused to disclose to the electorate her position on these issues, but also has a strong and long record of supporting pro-abortion candidates for public office, which would of course thereby keep in place the killing machine.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 60TH DISTRICT

NKRTL-PAC endorses for reelection incumbent Sal Santoro (R), based not only upon his 100 percent Pro-Life responses to our questionnaire, but also upon his 100 percent Pro-Life voting record in the state legislature.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 61ST DISTRICT

NKRTL-PAC endorses **Stephen Wood (R)**, based upon his 100 percent Pro-Life responses to our questionnaire, and also the non-response of his Democratic opponent, who, as an incumbent, has supported his party's pro-abortion position in the state legislature.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 63RD DISTRICT

NKRTL-PAC endorses **Alecia Webb-Edgington (R)**, based not only upon her 100 percent Pro-Life responses to our questionnaire, but also upon her Pro-Life voting record in the state legislature.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 64TH DISTRICT

NKRTL-PAC endorses incumbent **Thomas Robert Kerr (R)**, based not only upon his 100 percent Pro-Life responses to our questionnaire, but also upon his consistent and vigorous support and leadership of the Pro-Life position in his many years in the state legislature.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 66TH DISTRICT

NKRTL-PAC endorses incumbent **Addia Kathryn Wuchner (R)**, based not only upon her 100 percent Pro-Life responses to our questionnaire, but also upon her consistent and vigorous support and leadership of the Pro-Life position in her many years in the state legislature.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 68TH DISTRICT

NKRTL-PAC endorses incumbent **Joseph M. Fischer (R)**, based not only upon his 100 percent Pro-Life responses to our questionnaire, but also upon his consistent and vigorous support and leadership of the Pro-Life position in his many years in the state legislature.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 69TH DISTRICT

While these candidates of both parties have declined to furnish the electorate with their views on these crucial issues, we would be remiss if we did not point out the multiple previous deceptions of the electorate by candidate **Adam Koenig (R)**, who, as a candidate and member of the Kenton County Fiscal Court, had on several occasions asserted his unswerving fidelity to the Pro-Life position, in the sanctity of innocent human life, and then violated his commitment in his votes after election.

JUDICIAL RACE - KENTON DISTRICT COURT

There has existed for a long time considerable confusion on the issue as to how far judicial candidates may go in expressing their views on issues of public interest. Clearly, they are prohibited from specifically stating how they would decide a particular case that might be brought in front of them. On the other hand, there are judicial decisions which have overruled some of the Bar Association Canons of Judicial Ethics, and held that a judicial candidate is free to express his moral views generally.

Because of this confusion, NKRTL has never sent questionnaires to candidates for judicial office, but has commented as to any known and outstanding features of their past public records which might touch upon the issues crucial to our readers.

This year, we have sent an invitation to all the judicial candidates to inform us, if they wish, of any Pro-Life activities in which they have been involved: *"Please state the activities in which you have been involved, the organizations of which you are a member, and the events you have attended that directly advance the Judeo-Christian principle of the sanctity of all innocent human life, which are under attack by the intrinsic evils of abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia."*

The two attorneys seeking the office of Kenton District Judge responded:

Kenneth L. Easterly, who has attended NKRTL's Celebrations For Life, was the first prosecutor in Northern Kentucky to prosecute a fetal homicide case. He states: "I have stood for the sanctity of life."

Kathleen S. Lape sent a letter, but did not respond to the above inquiry, nor does she have any Pro-Life record.

ENDORSEMENTS AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS OF NKRTL-PAC: NOV. 4, 2008 ELECTION

Endorsed:

✓U.S. REPRESENTATIVE - 4TH DIST.: **Geoff Davis (R)**

✓STATE SENATOR - 17TH DIST.: **Damon Thayer (R)**

✓STATE SENATOR - 23RD DIST.: **Jack Westwood (R)**

✓STATE SENATOR - 60TH DIST.: **Sal Santoro (R)**

✓STATE SENATOR - 61ST DIST.: **Stephen Wood (R)**

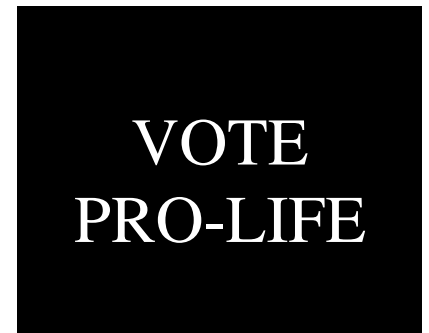
✓STATE SENATOR - 63RD DIST.: **Alecia Webb-Edgington (R)**

✓STATE SENATOR - 64TH DIST.: **Thomas Robert Kerr (R)**

✓STATE SENATOR - 66TH DIST.: **Addia Kathryn Wuchner (R)**

✓STATE SENATOR - 68TH DIST.: **Joseph M. Fischer (R)**

Recommended:



✓U.S. Senator: Mitch McConnell (R)

TAKE THIS WITH YOU WHEN YOU VOTE!!