

NORTHERN KENTUCKY RIGHT TO LIFE

2016 GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Pursuant to our long-standing policy of bringing to the public the views (and records) of candidates for public office, on these crucial "Life" issues, NKRTL sent questionnaires to candidates seeking office in the general election of November 8, 2016. After furnishing them detailed information concerning the issues, NKRTL advised them that their response (or the fact of their non-response, which could only be interpreted as unfavorable in that they either oppose its positions or are disinterested in these vital issues) would be published.

All need to consider the following three realities:

Q: HOW IS THE KILLING MACHINE KEPT IN PLACE? ANSWER: BY LAWS.

Q: WHO KEEPS THOSE KILLING LAWS IN PLACE? ANSWER: PUBLIC OFFICIALS, ELECTED AND APPOINTED.

Q: HOW THEN CAN ONE, WHO PUTS IN OFFICE OFFICIALS WHO KEEP THE KILLING GOING, CLAIM TO BE PRO-LIFE? ANSWER: THEY CAN'T.

ACTIONS DO HAVE CONSEQUENCES! WHAT WE DO IS A BETTER GUIDE TO WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE BELIEVE THAN WHAT WE SAY!

1. Will you actively support (and if in a position to do so, sponsor and vote for) a mandatory Human Life Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and to the Kentucky Constitution, which would codify the personhood of an unborn child from the moment of fertilization, and which would hold that all innocent human beings have the same right to life, from fertilization until natural death?
2. Will you actively support (and if in a position to do so, sponsor and vote for) legislation which will make it a criminal offense to perform, to assist with, or to pay for an abortion on another (such legislation would not prohibit those necessary medical procedures required to prevent the death of the mother who is suffering from a physical pathology such as ectopic pregnancy or cancerous uterus)?
3. Will you actively support (and if in a position to do so, sponsor and vote for) legislation preventing: (a) the use of tissue and organs from deliberately aborted children; (b) the use or destruction of live embryos for the purpose of extracting stem cells, for transplants or medical experimentations; (c) human cloning, whether for the purpose of development and bringing to full term a new human being, or for the purpose of development of a new human being for experimentation, or for the purpose of obtaining body parts or stem cells; and (d) the public funding of any of these activities?
4. Will you actively oppose (and if in a position to do so, work against and vote against) state or federal legislation or regulation mandating health insurance coverage of abortion (both surgical and chemical) and artificial contraception, and will you actively support (and if in a position to do so, work for and vote for) the repeal of the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare), which provides for the expenditure of funds for the payment of abortion, and for the repeal of the Federal HHS Mandate, a federal regulation enacted under Obamacare, which requires employers, regardless of their religious convictions, to provide healthcare insurance, without additional premium and without a co-payment, for payment of contraceptives, sterilizations, and abortion-producing drugs?
5. Will you actively oppose (and if in a position to do so, work against and vote against) any legislation which would allow the withdrawal from an infant, incompetent, or comatose person of food and water, regardless of how the food or water is provided (except in the case where death is imminent and the patient cannot assimilate food or water)?
6. Will you actively oppose (and if in a position to do so, vote against) any legislation, administrative regulations, or initiatives of any type, which would decriminalize assisting or abetting someone in killing themselves (often referred to as "assisted suicide")?
7. Will you actively support (and if in a position to do so, sponsor and vote for) legislation requiring that the same medical treatment and the same standard of medical care be provided handicapped persons, and that the decisions of whether to treat a handicapped person must be made on strictly medical grounds and not on speculations about the person's future "quality of life"?
8. Will you actively support (and if in a position to do so, sponsor and vote for) legislation which prohibits all use of local, state, federal, and/or Medicare or Medicaid funds for abortion (including chemical abortions, such as RU-486, or the so-called "morning after pill," Norplant, Depo Provera, or the so-called "standard birth control pill")?
9. If there should come before you the question of appointment or confirmation of an individual to any board, agency, or committee, etc., which does or could perform, counsel, refer, or fund abortion (including chemical abortions, such as RU-486, and the so-called "morning after pill," Norplant, Depo Provera, and the so-called "standard birth control pill"), will you nominate or confirm only individuals (a) who refuse to perform, counsel, refer, or fund any surgical or chemical abortion and (b) who refuse to support, vote for, or fund any government or private agency that would perform, counsel, refer, or fund any surgical or chemical abortion?
10. If you become involved in the legislative process, would you take the initiative to compel a recorded vote on all Pro-Life legislation, whether by discharge petition or whatever other parliamentary practice is available?
11. Will you refuse to support in any manner a candidate for any public office, who publicly states acceptance of the current status of legalized abortion, or who fails to disclose his position on the issue of abortion, or who has, as a public official, a record of support for abortion or of failing to oppose it, or who supports any of the above anti-life activities?

The results appear below (the Pro-Life response is "yes" to all questions):

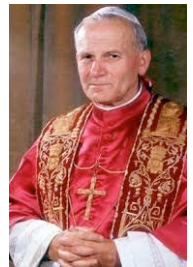
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<u>U.S. SENATOR</u>											
Jim Gray (D)	No Response										
Rand Paul (R)	No Response										
<u>U.S. REPRESENTATIVE - DIST. 4</u>											
Calvin Sidle (D)	No Response										
Thomas Massie (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>STATE SENATOR - DIST. 11</u>											
John Schickel (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>STATE SENATOR - DIST. 17</u>											
Charlie Hoffman (D)	No Response										
Damon Thayer (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>STATE SENATOR - DIST. 23</u>											
Chris McDaniel (R)	No Response										
<u>STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DIST. 60</u>											
Sal Santoro (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DIST. 61</u>											
Kevin Napier (D)	No Response										
Brian E. Linder (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DIST. 63</u>											
Diane St. Onge (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DIST. 64</u>											
Lucas Deaton (D)	No Response										
Kimberly Poore Moser (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DIST. 65</u>											
Arnold R. Simpson (D)	No Response										
<u>STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DIST. 66</u>											
Addia Kathryn Wuchner (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DIST. 67</u>											
Dennis Keene (D)	No Response										
Matt Teaford (R)	No Response										
<u>STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DIST. 68</u>											
Joseph M. Fischer (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DIST. 69</u>											
Adam Koenig (R)	No Response										
<u>STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DIST. 78</u>											
Thomas M. McKee (D)	No Response										
Mark Hart (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Regarding people who don't answer our questionnaire divulging their position on the most critical public issue of the day, the sanctity of innocent human life, we suggest you acquaint them with the following hard statistical reality that the number of deaths by abortion is not only greater than all of the Americans killed in all of wars in which we have ever fought, but also is the leading cause of death in the United States, above each and every other cause.

St. Pope John Paul II, in *Christifideles Laici*, could not be clearer:

"The direct and intentional destruction of innocent human life from the moment of conception until natural death is always wrong and is not just one issue among many. It must always be opposed." (n. 28)

"Above all, the common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights – for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture – is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination." (n. 38)



NKRTL-PAC ENDORSEMENTS AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. NKRTL sends 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. (NKRTL does not send presidential candidates a candidate questionnaire.)
2. NKRTL explains that it 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. NKRTL advises 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. NKRTL publishes as much as it knows about the public record and statements of the candidates on these vital issues.
5. NKRTL never **endorses** a candidate unless his or her answers are 100 percent Pro-Life.
6. NKRTL sometimes makes a **recommendation** of a candidate, after a full disclosure of his positions, if his responses and record are not 100 percent Pro-Life but stand him materially above the other candidates.

Based upon these criteria, NKRTL-PAC publishes its conclusions and comments regarding the candidates in this November 8, 2016, general election in Kentucky.

Northern Kentucky Right to Life Political Action Committee has issued **Endorsements and/or Recommendations** of some candidates in the **upcoming general election of November 8, 2016**. 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 3,800 innocent children each day (one every 24 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 take 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.

U.S. PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT

While Mr. Trump's past pronouncements have not been consistently pro-life, his most recent pronouncement has indeed been more favorable to our cause, and in fact he has issued a list of judicial candidates for the U.S. Supreme Court that he would recommend, after his election as president. It includes 11 people, all of which have 100% pro-life records, including three judges who have served as law clerks to **Justice Scalia** and **Justice Thomas** on the U.S. Supreme Court.

When **Congressman Paul Ryan (R), Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives**, who has a strong pro-life voting record history, was asked recently how he could endorse Donald J. Trump, whom he had disagreements with on several political issues, and sum it up in a two-word answer, his response was "(1) Hillary Clinton and (2) the U.S. Supreme Court," which has currently one vacancy and will experience two more in the next four-year presidential term, and will effectively govern this country probably for 30 years. A rather indisputable argument!

Accordingly, **NKRTL-PAC recommends a vote for Donald J. Trump (R) for president of the United States, and it recommends, for vice president of the United States, a vote for Mike Pence (R) who has a strong long history as a pro-lifer, both as Governor of Indiana and as a member of the U.S. Congress.**

Indiana Governor and GOP vice presidential candidate **Mike Pence** was asked on *Fox News Sunday* why his state would have the authority to limit the reasons a child could be aborted, a reference to the Indiana law that Pence signed earlier this year banning abortions for genetic abnormalities, race, or sex. "Well, I'm pro-life," Pence told **Chris Wallace** in response. "I don't apologize for it. ...I'd like to see *Roe v. Wade* overturned and consigned to the ash heap of history," he said.

Pence explained how Indiana's position was justified and not unique, stating that "abortions for the reason of race or sex are morally offensive, and we stand by that."

"But we also cherish those who have disabilities in the state of Indiana," the GOP governor said, "and taking a step in the direction of protecting the unborn - who are facing physical challenges and disabilities, I think was the right thing to do."

Pence has a 100% pro-life record with the **National Right to Life Committee** and 0% scores with **Planned Parenthood** and **NARAL**.

It must be noted that their opponent, **Hillary R. Clinton (D)**, has a long and perfect pro-abortion voting record, and her running mate, **Tim Kaine (D)**, Governor of Virginia, claims to be "personally opposed to abortion," the old dodge used by other unprincipled politicians on back to **Ted Kennedy (D)**. Mr. Kaine, in his nomination acceptance speech at the Democratic National Convention, bragged on Hillary Clinton for her total defense of *Roe v. Wade*.

In addition, it must be pointed out that while he had previously been in favor of the **Hyde Amendment** denying the use of public funds for abortion, dating back to the passage of that statute by Congress in 1976 and introduced by the strong pro-life Congressman **Henry Hyde (R)**, he has now reversed his position to that of supporting Clinton in her position of seeking a reversal of the Hyde Amendment in Congress.

U.S. SENATE

U.S. Senator Rand Paul (R) has declined to answer our 2016 candidate questionnaire, even though when he ran six years ago he responded with 100% pro-life answers.

Sen. Paul co-sponsored the *Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act*, and also co-sponsored an anti-abortion "personhood" bill that could outlaw forms of emergency contraception. He voted to defund Planned Parenthood.

On his website, he states: "I strongly **believe in the sanctity of life**. I believe that life begins at conception and that abortion takes the life of an innocent human being. Under the 14th Amendment, it is the government's duty to protect life as defined in our Constitution."

Even though Senator Paul has declined to answer our 2016 candidate questionnaire, **NKRTL-PAC recommends a vote for Senator Rand Paul (R)** for United States Senator.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE - DIST. 4

NKRTL-PAC endorses Thomas Massie (R), who made 100% pro-life answers to the questionnaire, over his Democratic opponent, who made no responses at all to our questionnaire. It must be noted also that Massie, in his two terms in the U.S. House of Representatives, has been a stand-up 100% pro-life vote, endorsing several pieces of pro-life legislation, including *Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act*.

STATE SENATE

STATE SENATOR - DIST. 11

Incumbent **Senator John Schickel (R)** is a longtime member of NKRTL, attends our annual Celebration for Life, has been an outspoken supporter of NKRTL and the pro-life movement, and has a strong pro-life voting record in his legislative service. **NKRTL-PAC endorses incumbent State Senator John Schickel (R)** who, as always in the past, has made 100% pro-life answers to our questionnaire.

STATE SENATOR - DIST. 17

NKRTL-PAC endorses incumbent State Senator Damon Thayer (R), based on his strong and consistent pro-life voting record in the state legislature. Again, his Democrat opponent failed to even respond to our questionnaire.

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DIST. 60

NKRTL-PAC endorses for reelection Sal Santoro (R), based not only upon his 100% pro-life answers to our questionnaire, but also upon his 100% pro-life voting record in the several years that he has served in the Kentucky General Assembly.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DIST. 61

NKRTL-PAC endorses incumbent Brian E. Linder (R), based not only upon his 100% pro-life answers to our questionnaire, but also upon his 100% pro-life voting record in his two terms in the Kentucky General Assembly. His Democrat opponent has chosen not to respond to NKRTL's questionnaire.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DIST. 63

NKRTL-PAC endorses incumbent Diane St. Onge (R), a frequent attendee of our Annual Celebration for Life, based not only upon her 100% pro-life answers to our questionnaire, but also upon her 100% pro-life voting record in the Kentucky General Assembly.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DIST. 64

NKRTL-PAC expresses its gratitude to the incumbent **State Rep. Thomas Robert Kerr (R)**, who has been a longtime member and outspoken supporter of NKRTL, frequent attendee of our Celebration for Life, and a consistent and effective champion of the unborn child in the Kentucky House of Representatives, for his more than 20 years of service. Rep. Kerr has chosen not to seek reelection this year.

Based on her 100% pro-life responses to our questionnaire, and based on her prior pro-life activities, **NKRTL-PAC endorses Kimberly Poore Moser (R)** for State Representative, 64th District.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DIST. 66

NKRTL-PAC endorses incumbent Addia Kathryn Wuchner (R), based not only upon her 100% pro-life answers to our questionnaire, but also upon her stellar record of pro-life leadership in the Kentucky General Assembly over many years. Rep. Wuchner, a member of NKRTL and a frequent attendee of our Celebration for Life, has been an outspoken and very effective pro-life legislator.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DIST. 68

NKRTL-PAC endorses incumbent Joseph M. Fischer (R), based not only upon his 100% pro-life answers to our questionnaire, but also upon his stellar record of pro-life leadership in the Kentucky General Assembly over many years. Rep. Fischer has, over his long service as a state representative, proven himself to be not only an effective pro-life legislator, but also one who provides the necessary leadership. Joe, who is not only a member of NKRTL and always attends our Annual Celebration for Life, also has been one who has made use of many opportunities to speak on behalf of the unborn child.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DIST. 78

Based on his 100% pro-life response to NKRTL's questionnaire, **NKRTL-PAC endorses Mark Hart (R)** for State Representative, 78th District. The incumbent **Thomas M. McKee (D)** has never responded to NKRTL's questionnaire, again demonstrating that he does not wish the electorate to know his position on the killing of unborn children.

The Disqualifying Issue

This principle was expounded upon in the Pro-Life presidential candidacy of **Ellen McCormack**, more than 30 years ago, wherein she reminded us: "Imagine that — in a throwback to the 19th Century — our legislator decides that slavery should not be prohibited. 'Whether whites or blacks are equal is a decision that everyone must make for himself. We should not impose our personal morality on those who see nothing wrong with slavery.' Would support of slavery not be a disqualifying issue?" The question of course was self-answering.

And so, we recognize that we could not vote for a candidate for public office who is in favor of killing the most innocent members of the human family, **regardless of his position on other issues.**

Likewise, candidates who support only "eating away at the edge" of *Roe v. Wade*, by giving the states power to attack its funding, while at the same time giving them the authority to continue killing innocent babies, is a failing and disqualifying grade for a candidate.

"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**

"No Catholic, with good conscience, may vote for any man or woman who is in accord with, who supports or who is willing to compromise issues which are contrary to the moral laws contained in the Ten Commandments of God...We must stand firmly consistent and cast our vote only for candidates who clearly and firmly declare themselves defenders of the right to life of all men – even the unborn – and pledge themselves to the promotion of a Constitutional Amendment which will establish this right clearly and without equivocation." **Former Bishop of Covington, Most Rev. Richard H. Ackerman**

"All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing." **Edmund Burke**, former member of the British Parliament.

AMERICAN WAR DEATHS		PLEASE PRAY TO END ABORTION	DEATH IN AMERICA	
			Annual Totals	
Revolutionary War	25,324		Abortion	1,395,000
Civil War	498,332		Heart disease	734,000
World War I	116,708		Cancer	537,000
World War II	407,316		Pneumonia/Flu	82,000
Korean War	54,246		AIDS	42,000
Vietnam War	58,655		Auto accidents	42,000
Iraq & Afghanistan	6,397		Other accidents	48,000
War on the Unborn			Suicide	32,000
(Abortions in the U.S. 1973-2011)	58,000,000		Firearms Murder	17,000
Yes, that's right – more than 58 million abortion deaths in the U.S. from 1973 when abortion was legalized through the end of 2011. The number is shockingly skyrocketing daily.			<i>Roe v. Wade</i> 42 Years as America's Number One Cause of Death	



NOVEMBER 8, 2016, GENERAL ELECTION ENDORSEMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF NKRTL-PAC:

ENDORSEMENTS:

✓ U.S. Representative: Thomas Massie (R)

- ✓ State Senator-Dist. 11: John Schickel (R)
- ✓ State Senator-Dist. 17: Damon Thayer (R)
- ✓ State Representative-Dist. 60: Sal Santoro (R)
- ✓ State Representative-Dist. 61: Brian E. Linder (R)
- ✓ State Representative-Dist. 63: Diane St. Onge (R)

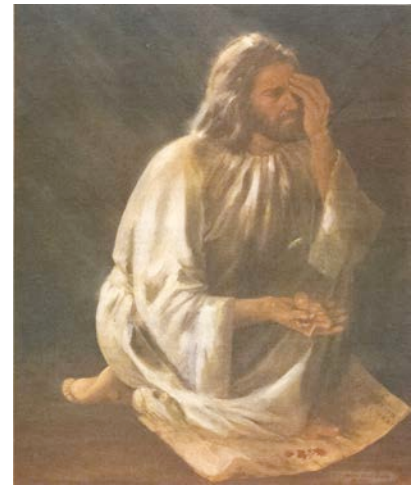
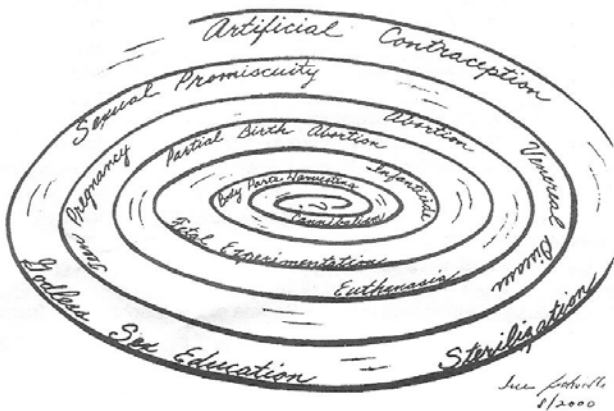
- ✓ State Representative-Dist. 64: Kimberly Poore Moser (R)
- ✓ State Representative-Dist. 66: Addia Kathryn Wuchner (R)
- ✓ State Representative-Dist. 68: Joseph M. Fischer (R)
- ✓ State Representative-Dist. 78: Mark Hart (R)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- ✓ President/Vice President:
Donald Trump (R)/Michael Pence (R)
- ✓ United States Senator:
Rand Paul (R)

TAKE THIS WITH YOU WHEN YOU VOTE!!

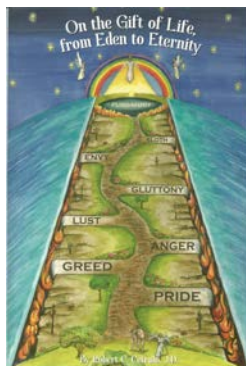
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