

“ Faithful citizenship calls Catholics to see civic and political responsibilities through the eyes of faith and to bring our moral convictions to public life. Catholics in public life have a particular responsibility to bring together consistently their faith, moral principles, and public responsibilities ”

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The Legislative Advocacy Network deals with specific pieces of Church supported or opposed legislation based on the teachings of the Catholic Church. Becoming part of the network is one of the most important things you can do as a person of faith concerned about making a difference.

Following the guidelines of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference and the Diocese of Pittsburgh’s legislative review committee, the network will advocate on behalf of the following issues:

- ◆ **Human life issues** (abortion, euthanasia, death penalty, bioethics, etc.)
- ◆ **Basic human needs** (poverty, homelessness, housing, hunger, domestic violence, etc.)
- ◆ **Education issues** (school choice, budget issues, preschool concerns, etc.)
- ◆ **Healthcare issues** (long-term care, health care coverage, problems with uninsured, etc.)
- ◆ **Economic justice** (unemployment, workers’ rights, urban/rural concerns, etc.)
- ◆ **International social concerns** (world debt, foreign aid, environment, human rights issues, etc.)
- ◆ **Discrimination** (racism, immigrant & refugee issues, women’s concerns, etc.)
- ◆ **Issues that directly affect the functioning of the Catholic Church**

To become an active part of this consequential endeavor, fill in and return the form below:

- I am willing to coordinate an advocacy network in my group/organization as well as participate in the diocesan network. _____
(organization name: i.e. Knights of Columbus, Bible Study, etc.)
- I am willing to be part of a parish network. I will contact my legislators as well as be responsible for forwarding the message through my parish network.
- I am willing to contact legislators.
- I would like to receive more information.

List specific areas of interest _____

Name _____ Phone number () _____

e-mail _____ Parish _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Return to: Department for Social Advocacy & Convening, Diocese of Pittsburgh,
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