

A Revolution of Tenderness: A 2016 Election Pope Francis Voter Guide Questions to Consider When Reading About or Listening to Candidates:

The Sacred Gift of Life and Creation

- How does each candidate talk about preventing mass shootings and gun violence in our streets?
- What alternatives to abortion and euthanasia does each candidate discuss, such as assistance and support to expectant mothers, in particular those who are low-income?

The Economy

- How does each candidate respond to questions about the wealth gap in this country? What ideas does she or he have for addressing this?
- What is each candidate's position on health care reform? What is being proposed to ensure that all Americans have access to healthcare?

Global Peacemaking

- What is each candidate's approach to conflicts in other parts of the world? Does she or he talk about lessons learned from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan?
- How does each candidate talk about the role of diplomacy and peacebuilding in preventing conflicts? Do she or he promote investing in peacemaking programs?

Immigration and Refugees

- Where does each candidate stand on a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants? On deportations? On detention of women and children in for-profit prisons?
- How does each candidate challenge anti-immigrant rhetoric?

The Environment

- How does each candidate talk about climate change? Does he or she have any policies for addressing this issue?
- What does each candidate say about alternatives to fossil fuels, and jobs associated with them?

Racial Justice

- What is each candidate's stance on mass incarceration and reform of a criminal justice system that disproportionately puts people of color in prison for long periods of time?
- What is each candidate's position on voter identification laws and other restrictions that suppress voting among people of color?

Freedom of Religion and Conscience

- How is each candidate talking about our Muslim neighbors and refugees from the Middle East?
- What is each candidate saying about the freedom of conscience of individual, religious institutions, and even private businesses?