

# 2012 Catholic Vice Presidential Voter Guide



Joe Biden (D)

Paul Ryan (R)

**Intrinsic Evils:** There are . . . some issues that always involve doing evil

TAXPAYER FUNDING OF ABORTION	SUPPORTS <sup>1</sup>	OPPOSES <sup>2</sup>
UNBORN VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE ACT	OPPOSES <sup>3</sup>	SUPPORTS <sup>4</sup>
PARENTAL NOTIFICATION IN CASES OF MINORS AND ABORTION	OPPOSES <sup>5</sup>	SUPPORTS <sup>6</sup>
MANDATE THAT EMPLOYERS COVER STERILIZATION, CONTRACEPTION AND ABORTION INDUCING DRUGS REGARDLESS OF RELIGIOUS OBJECTIONS	SUPPORTS <sup>7</sup>	OPPOSES <sup>8</sup>
TAXPAYER FUNDING OF HUMAN EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH	SUPPORTS <sup>9</sup>	OPPOSES <sup>10</sup>
BANNING HUMAN CLONING	OPPOSES <sup>11</sup>	SUPPORTS <sup>12</sup>
DEFINITION OF MARRIAGE BEING BETWEEN ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN	OPPOSES <sup>13</sup>	SUPPORTS <sup>14</sup>
PRIORITIZING MOTHER/FATHER IN ADOPTION	OPPOSES <sup>15</sup>	SUPPORTS <sup>16</sup>
TORTURE OF MILITARY PRISONERS	OPPOSES <sup>17</sup>	UNKNOWN

**Prudential Judgments:** While the [below] issues . . . have important moral dimensions, Catholics may and do disagree about the most effective public policies for responding to them. How these issues are best addressed and what particular candidates are best equipped to address them requires prudential judgments

PERSONAL DONATIONS TO CHARITY IN 2011, ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME	1.5 % <sup>18</sup>	4% <sup>19</sup>
DEATH PENALTY	SUPPORTS <sup>20</sup>	SUPPORTS <sup>21</sup>
CHILD TAX CREDIT	SUPPORTS <sup>22</sup>	SUPPORTS <sup>23</sup>
AMNESTY FOR UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS	SUPPORTS <sup>24</sup>	OPPOSES <sup>25</sup>
BORDER FENCE	SUPPORTS <sup>26</sup>	SUPPORTS <sup>27</sup>

NOTE: Supporting and explanatory Catholic doctrine as well as corroborating quotes and further exploring of the issues can be found in "Biden vs. Ryan: Catholic Doctrine and Stances of the Candidates" located at FRCAction.org. Issues covered reflect the views of the Catholic Church and the candidates.

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