

## ARIZONA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

### 2014 Survey Questions for Candidates

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Please circle the response that most accurately reflects your position on the following issues. Thank you.  
(S = Support; O = Oppose)

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| 1.  | Allowing parents to use tax credits, or empowerment scholarship accounts to enable children to attend any public, private, or home school. | <input checked="" type="radio"/> S | <input type="radio"/> O            |
| 2.  | Legalizing physician-assisted suicide.   | <input type="radio"/> S            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> O |
| 3.  | Requiring hospitals to check if their patients are citizens or in this country legally.  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> S | <input type="radio"/> O            |
| 4.  | Amending the United States Constitution to define marriage as the union of one man and one woman.  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> S | <input type="radio"/> O            |
| 5.  | Providing abortion providers with government funding.  | <input type="radio"/> S            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> O |
| 6.  | Placing a moratorium on the death penalty.   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> S | <input type="radio"/> O            |
| 7.  | Making the presence of undocumented immigrants in Arizona a state crime.   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> S | <input type="radio"/> O            |
| 8.  | Mandating healthcare providers to facilitate the distribution of "emergency contraception" (i.e., morning after pills).                    | <input type="radio"/> S            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> O |
| 9.  | Providing an inflationary increase for the charitable organization tax credit which benefits organizations serving the working poor.       | <input checked="" type="radio"/> S | <input type="radio"/> O            |
| 10. | Exploring a temporary guest worker program for foreign workers to those Arizona employers experiencing a labor shortage.                   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> S | <input type="radio"/> O            |

Candidate Signature Susan Syfert Date 6.8.14

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**SURVEY FINAL DEADLINE IS JUNE 13, 2014**

Thank you for your and your interest in my campaign. I find it difficult to understand how a questionnaire that allows for no comment on the proposed statements, gives you the necessary information to make a decision about how I might vote on legislation before me. Consequently, I have given you access to my thinking on these topics.

1. **S** I have taught in a private Christian school and believe that all the options for education should be recognized and funded through the tax dollars that are allotted to each child, whether they are public, charter, private, online, homeschool. I have three children. My two older children attended private school, Christian school, and public school. My youngest attended charter for a year, then homeschool until 16 when he started community college.
2. **O** There is a caveat. If the patient is truly terminal last stage and pain can't be effectively dulled, I would not oppose legislation dealing with this. It would need to have strongly worded definitions of "terminal, last stage" that can't be broadened. I would not want anything that could turn into suicide clinics similar to abortion clinics.
3. **O** This puts a financial and moral burden on hospitals that is not their job. And more so if the government doesn't intend to do anything about the any information they may obtain.
4. **S** I support the definition of marriage as biblically defined. The definition of words matter. Changing the definition now would soon have students believing that the new definition is the historical meaning of the word. I must note that the state of marriage whether among Christian or non-believers is not good. What we need even more than a stand for the biblical definition of marriage is the demonstration of strong, healthy, loving marriages among Christians. We are to be such an example to the world that they come to us to know how to enjoy a life in Christ.
5. **O** Nothing more needed.
6. **O** There is no biblical admonition that the government should not put to death murderers and others such as serial rapists, torturers, and the like. Even if a person was to make a true conversion to life in Christ, leaving this world only puts him/her in the presence of Christ and the admonition to the world of the seriousness of these offenses is still stressed as a deterrent.
7. **S** No other country in the world allows people to cross their borders without going through the legal ports of entry with the proper papers. Illegal entry encourages a disdain for the law of our country which is not dismissed when the President just decides not to enforce the law. An AZ law would not be necessary if the federal government was upholding the federal law. Mexico has its problems but it is rapidly becoming a strong middle class economy that AZ needs to do commerce with. There is no humanitarian need to allow illegal crossings and the formation of underground communities as many of these are turning into the means for human trafficking. See #10 for more. •
8. **O** Nothing more needed.
9. **S** Nothing more needed.
10. **S** We have a history that demonstrates that the guest worker program has worked very well in the past. It should be reinstated and reinforced so we have the seasonal workers we need and the Mexican citizens can return to the country and customs they love seasonally or even daily depending on how close they are to the border.