

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO CHURCH

Mission Statement

September 27, 2020

*As St. Charles Borromeo Parishioners, "We are called to act with justice,
to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with God." - Micah 6:8*



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"When John came to you in the way of righteousness,
you did not believe him; but tax collectors and
prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did
not later change your minds and believe him."*

Matthew 21:32

**ST. CHARLES
BORROMEIO CHURCH**
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BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Fri : 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM &
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 7:00 AM
9:00 AM, Family Mass
11:00 AM, Choir
1:00 PM, French/Creole
5:30 PM, Youth Mass
Weekdays: 8:30 AM
Saturday: 8:30 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 9:00 AM In Choir Room
(Until all are heard)

ROSARY

Monday - Saturday at 7:50 AM

PERPETUAL ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

St. John the Evangelist Chapel
in the Ministry Center
By Appointment Only

STAFF & MINISTRY LISTING

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PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. John Fitch, Administrator
Fr. Philip Scheff, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Zenon Kurzyna, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Francis "Bud" Murhammer,
Retired

Welcome Home to St. Charles Church

Whether you are visiting or looking for a spiritual home, we welcome you home to Saint Charles Borromeo Church! Please consider registering as a member of our Parish family at the Parish Office during business hours. **Registration forms are on our Parish Website. Registration is required for participation in the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, and Marriage.** Welcome Home!



Bishop Frank Dewane has extended the dispensation of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass to November 1st for those who are not yet comfortable returning to Church.



Christ Our Light

Jesus Christ, You traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At Your command, the sick were made well.

Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience Your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. Amen.

St. Charles Mass Schedule

Weekdays: 8:30 AM (Monday—Saturday)

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 7:00 AM

9:00 AM (Family Mass)

11:00 AM

1:00 PM (Haitian Mass)

5:30 PM (Youth Mass)

Televised/Live Streamed Mass Schedule

*Our St. Charles **Live Streamed Masses** are as follows and can be found on our website at www.stcharlespc.org:*

4:00 PM Vigil Mass on Saturdays

9:00 AM Family Mass on Sundays

*The **Diocesan Mass** on Sundays can be viewed at 9:30 AM on the CW Network and on Fox 4 at 10:30 AM.*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR September 28th—October 4th

MONDAY	7:00 AM	D	Joseph Miko
	8:30 AM	L	Lee Chalifour
TUESDAY	7:00 AM	L	Blanche Bush
	8:30 AM	D	Robert Nichols
WEDNESDAY	7:00 AM	L	Patrick Dubois
	8:30 AM	D	Winifred Garvey
THURSDAY	7:00 AM	D	Michael Sedonic
	8:30 AM	D	David Anthony Power
FRIDAY	8:30 AM	D	Marcelo Kronenberg
SATURDAY	8:30 AM	L	Victoria P. Luna
Vigil Mass	4:00 PM	D	Regina & Walter Mastowski
Celebrant	Fr. Bud		
SUNDAY	7:00 AM	D	Mary Cosenza
Celebrant	Fr. John		
Family Mass	9:00 AM	D	Emma Ferguson
Celebrant	Fr. Imming		
Choir Mass	11:00 AM	D	Winifred Garvey
Celebrant	Fr. Bud		
Haitian Mass	1:00 PM	D	Fils-Aime & Anatha Joseph, Rosha DeJean
Celebrant	Fr. Tony		
Youth Mass	5:30 PM	D	Dolores Mayo
Celebrant	Fr. Imming		

September Wedding Anniversary
David & Susanne Walters - 52 Years

ALTAR BREAD & WINE MEMORIALS

We offer the opportunity for the Altar Bread and Wine to be memorialized for a deceased relative or to honor a loved one. Donations are taken for one week. Please stop by the Parish Office to make arrangements. The suggested donation is \$25 for either the Altar Bread or Wine, or \$50 for both.

FLOWER/SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

If you wish to make a fresh flower or Sanctuary Lamp Memorial donation, please contact the Parish Office. Two bouquets are needed whenever fresh flowers are used to decorate the Altar area. The cost is \$40 for each bouquet (\$80 total). More than one person or family may join together to request flower memorials on a particular weekend. The offering for a Sanctuary Lamp Memorial is \$10.

SANCTUARY CANDLE, FLOWERS, ALTAR BREAD & WINE:

In Honor of Jeannette Pierre

As a Parish Community, we offer our prayers for the souls of the faithful departed, and for those buried in our Memorial Garden. We pray for those mourning the loss of loved ones. May God strengthen their hope in life everlasting. Amen.

Got Jesus? Thank a priest!

TODAY IS PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY!

Please take time to thank our priests for all they do.

Gracious and loving God, we thank You for the gift of our priests.

Through them, we experience Your presence in the Sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in the vocation.

Set their souls on fire with love for Your people.

***Grant them the wisdom, understanding and strength they need to
follow in the footsteps of Jesus.***

Inspire them with the vision of Your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.

Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of Your Divine Grace.

***We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.
Amen.***

Priesthood
SUNDAY



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

This year's Children's Faith Formation classes, EDGE, and LIFETEEN Youth Group began Sunday, September 13th. Contact Michael at (941) 585-0668 or faithformation@stcbc.org.



STRAIGHT OUTTA THE CATECHISM

August 11, 2020 - May 11, 2021 (39 weeks)

IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN US!

When: Tuesday Evenings (6:30PM - 8:30PM)

Format: Catechism Study, Scripture Study, Discussion

Leader: Michael T. Barrett, Director of Religious Education

Required Materials: Catechism of the Catholic Church, Bible

Cost: FREE

Our adult study series addresses what you've been wondering about the Sacraments, morality, and the rest of the Church's teachings.

Due to social distancing guidelines, registration will be required and there will be a limit of 12 participants in physical attendance. A teleconference connection will be established for each session, allowing for remote attendance for those unable to attend in person.

Right of Christian Initiation of Adults

Is Christ calling you or someone you know to become Catholic? Are you an adult who hasn't been confirmed? Weekly RCIA sessions began August 21st!

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is the friendly, relaxed, and prayerful process that helps adults learn more about the Catholic faith, and then (if they feel called by God) to prepare for the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion, and/or Confirmation.

RCIA IS FOR:

Non-Catholics who are interested in exploring Catholicism

Catholic adults who missed out on First Communion and/or Confirmation

Anyone who is spiritually searching

Those who might be quietly wishing to receive Christ in the Eucharist

RCIA is intended to help these adults grow closer to God, to receive good answers to their questions, to prayerfully discern whether God is calling them to the Sacraments, and to prepare them for the Sacraments if they feel called.

To learn more, contact the Faith Formation office at (941) 585-0668 or faithformation@stcbc.org.

Due to CDC guidelines social distancing and masks are required.

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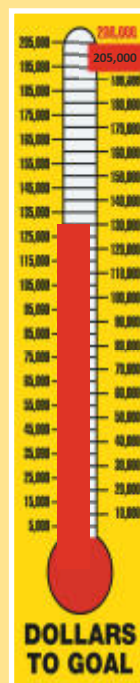
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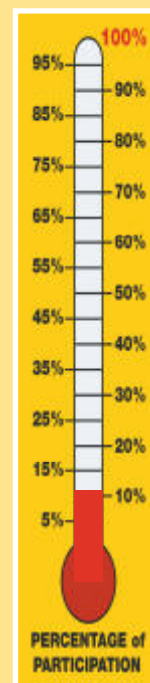
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PLEDGED:

\$152,273.35

PARTICIPATION:

17.37%



The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship



Part I of II: Our Call as Catholic Citizens

This brief document is Part I of a summary of the US bishops' reflection, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, which complements the teaching of bishops in dioceses and states.

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship is the teaching document of the Catholic Bishops of the United States on the political responsibility of Catholics. It provides guidance for all who seek to exercise their rights and duties as citizens. As Catholics, we bring the richness of our faith to the public square. We draw from both faith and reason as we seek to affirm the dignity of the human person and the common good of all.

Everyone living in this country is called to participate in public life and contribute to the common good.¹ In *Rejoice and Be Glad* [*Gaudete et exsultate*], Pope Francis writes:

Your identification with Christ and his will involves a commitment to build with him that kingdom of love, justice and universal peace. . . . You cannot grow in holiness without committing yourself, body and soul, to giving your best to this endeavor.²

As Catholics, we are part of a community with profound teachings that help us consider challenges in public life, contribute to greater justice and peace for all people, and evaluate policy positions, party platforms, and candidates' promises and actions in light of the Gospel in order to help build a better world.

Why Does the Church Teach About Issues Affecting Public Policy?

The Church's obligation to participate in shaping the moral character of society is a requirement of our faith, a part of the mission given to us by Jesus Christ. As people of both faith and reason, Catholics are called to bring truth to political life and to practice Christ's commandment to "love one another" (Jn 13:34).

The US Constitution protects the right of individual believers and religious bodies to proclaim and live out their faith without government interference, favoritism, or discrimination. Civil law should recognize and protect the Church's right and responsibility to participate in society without abandoning its moral convictions. Our nation's tradition of pluralism is enhanced, not threatened, when religious groups and people of faith bring their convictions into public life. The Catholic community brings to political dialogue a consistent moral framework and broad experience serving those in need.

Who in the Church Should Participate in Political Life?

In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation. As Catholics, we should be guided more by our moral convictions than by our attachment to any political party or interest group. In today's environment, Catholics may feel politically disenfranchised, sensing that no party and few candidates fully share our comprehensive commitment to human life and dignity. This should not discourage us. On the contrary, it makes our obligation to act all the more urgent. Catholic lay women and men need to act on the Church's moral principles and

become more involved: running for office, working within political parties, and communicating concerns to elected officials. Even those who cannot vote should raise their voices on matters that affect their lives and the common good. Faithful citizenship is an ongoing responsibility, not just an election year duty.

How Can Catholic Social Teaching Help Guide Our Participation?

In the words of Pope Francis, "progress in building a people in peace, justice and fraternity depends on four principles related to constant tensions present in every social reality. These derive from the pillars of the Church's social doctrine, which serve as 'primary and fundamental parameters of reference for interpreting and evaluating social phenomena.'"³ The four principles include the dignity of the human person, the common good, subsidiarity, and solidarity. Taken together, these principles provide a moral framework for Catholic engagement in advancing what we have called a "consistent ethic of life" (*Living the Gospel of Life*, no. 22).

Rightly understood, this ethic does not treat all issues as morally equivalent; nor does it reduce Catholic teaching to one or two issues. It anchors the Catholic commitment to defend human life and other human rights, from conception until natural death, in the fundamental obligation to respect the dignity of every human being as a child of God.

Catholic voters should use Catholic teaching to examine candidates' positions on issues and should consider candidates' integrity, philosophy, and performance. It is important for all citizens "to see beyond party politics, to analyze campaign rhetoric critically, and to choose their political leaders according to principle, not party affiliation or mere self-interest" (USCCB, *Living the Gospel of Life*, no. 33). The following summary of the four principles highlights several themes of Catholic social teaching for special consideration: these include **human rights and responsibilities, respect for work and the rights of workers, care for God's creation, and the preferential option for the poor and vulnerable.**⁴

The Dignity of the Human Person

Human life is sacred because every person is created in the image and likeness of God. There is a rich and multifaceted Catholic teaching on human dignity summarized in the *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*. Every human being "must always be understood in his unrepeatable and inviolable uniqueness . . . This entails above all the requirement not only of simple respect on the part of others, especially political and social institutions and their leaders with regard to every man and woman on the earth, but even more, this means that the primary commitment of each person towards others, and particularly of these same institutions, must be for the promotion and integral development of the person" (no. 131). The *Compendium* continues, "It is necessary to 'consider every neighbor without exception as another self, taking into account first of all his life and the means necessary for living it with dignity' (*Gaudium et Spes*, no. 27).

Every political, economic, social, scientific and cultural program must be inspired by the awareness of the primacy of each human being over society."⁵

Subsidiarity

It is impossible to promote the dignity of the person without showing concern for the family, groups, associations, and local realities—in short, for those economic, social, cultural, recreational, professional, and political communities to which people spontaneously give life and which make it possible for them to achieve effective social growth.⁶ The family, based on marriage between a man and a woman, is the fundamental unit of society. This sanctuary for the creation and nurturing of children must not be redefined, undermined, or neglected. Supporting families should be a priority for economic and social policies. How our society is organized—in economics and politics, in law and public policy—affects the well-being of individuals and of society. Every person and association has a right and a duty to participate in shaping society to promote the well-being of individuals and the common good.

The principle of subsidiarity reminds us that larger institutions in society should not overwhelm or interfere with smaller or local institutions; yet larger institutions have essential responsibilities when the more local institutions cannot adequately protect human dignity, meet human needs, and advance the common good.⁷

The Common Good

The common good is comprised of “the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or as individuals, to reach their fulfillment more fully and more easily.”⁸

Human dignity is respected and the common good is fostered only if **human rights are protected and basic responsibilities are met**. Every human being has a right to life, a right to religious freedom, and a right to have access to those things required for human decency—food and shelter, education and employment, health care and housing. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities—to ourselves, to our families, and to the larger society.

The economy must serve people, not the other way around. An economic system must serve the dignity of the human person and the common good by **respecting the dignity of work and protecting the rights of workers**. Economic justice calls for decent work at fair, living wages, a broad and fair legalization program with a path to citizenship for immigrant workers, and the opportunity for all people to work together for the common good through their work, ownership, enterprise, investment, participation in unions, and other forms of economic activity. Workers also have responsibilities—to provide a fair day’s work for a fair day’s pay, to treat employers and coworkers with respect, and to carry out their work in ways that contribute to the common good. Workers, employers, and unions should not only advance their own interests but also work together to advance economic justice and the well-being of all.

We have a duty to **care for God’s creation**, which Pope Francis refers to in *Laudato Si’* as “our common home.”⁹ We all are called to be careful stewards of God’s creation and to ensure a safe and hospitable environment for vulnerable human beings now and in the future. Pope Francis, consistent with St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI (World Day of Peace Message, 1990 and 2010), has lifted up pollution, climate change, lack of access to clean water, and the loss of biodiversity as particular challenges. Pope Francis speaks of an “ecological debt” (no. 51) owed by wealthier nations to developing nations. And he calls all of us to an “ecological conversion” (no. 219), by which “the effects of [our] encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in [our] relationship with the world around [us].”¹⁰ Indeed, this concern with “natural ecology” is an indispensable part of the broader “human ecology,” which encompasses not only material but moral and social dimensions as well.

Solidarity

Solidarity is “a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to . . . the good of all and of each individual, because we are *all* really responsible for *all*.” It is found in “a commitment to the good of one’s neighbor with the readiness, in the Gospel sense, to ‘lose oneself’ for the sake of the other instead of exploiting him, and to ‘serve him’ instead of oppressing him for one’s own advantage.”¹¹

We are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. Our Catholic commitment to solidarity requires that we pursue justice, eliminate racism, end human trafficking, protect human rights, seek peace, and avoid the use of force except as a necessary last resort.

In a special way, our solidarity must find expression in the **preferential option for the poor and vulnerable**. A moral test for society is how we treat the weakest among us—the unborn, those dealing with disabilities or terminal illness, the poor, and the marginalized.

Conclusion

In light of Catholic teaching, the bishops vigorously repeat their call for a renewed politics that focuses on moral principles, the promotion of human life and dignity, and the pursuit of the common good. Political participation in this spirit reflects not only the social teaching of our Church but the best traditions of our nation.

Notes

- 1 *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 1913-15.
- 2 *Gaudete et Exsultate*, no. 25.
- 3 *Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 221.
- 4 These principles are drawn from a rich tradition more fully described in the *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church* from the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace (Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2005), no. 160. For more information on these principles, see *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, 2016, nos. 40ff.
- 5 *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 132. This summary represents only a few highlights from the fuller treatment of the human person in the *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*. For the fuller treatment, see especially nos. 124-159 where many other important aspects of human dignity are treated.
- 6 *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 185.
- 7 *Centesimus Annus*, no. 48; *Dignitatis Humanae*, nos. 4-6.
- 8 *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 164.
- 9 *Laudato Si’*, no. 77.
- 10 *Laudato Si’*, no. 217.
- 11 *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 193. (See Mt 10:40-42, 20:25; Mk 10:42-45; Lk 22:25-27)

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In keeping with its mission, the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops aims to educate and inform Catholics about a wide range of issues. The information compiled here has been gathered from policies, public statements, official and campaign websites, and other resources, as of September 1, 2020, to help voters form their consciences before voting in November. The issues that appear here do not represent a complete list of issues that may be of importance to Catholics. The FCCB neither supports nor opposes any candidate for public office.

President

DONALD TRUMP



Former Vice-President

JOE BIDEN



ABORTION

In 2016, [Trump said](#) that the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* "will happen automatically...because I am putting pro-life justices on the [U.S. Supreme] Court."

In 2017, [Trump signed into law](#) a resolution to allow states to restrict Title X funding for Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers.

According to his website, "As president, [Biden will work](#) to codify *Roe v. Wade*, and his Justice Department will do everything in its power to stop the rash of state laws that so blatantly violate the constitutional right to an abortion..."

"As president, [Biden will...reverse](#) the Trump Administration's rule preventing Planned Parenthood and certain other family planning programs from obtaining Title X funds."

DEATH PENALTY

In 2020, [the Trump Administration presided](#) over five executions (three in July and two in August), the first to be carried out by the federal government in 17 years. Two additional executions are scheduled in September 2020.

According to his website, "[Biden will work](#) to pass legislation to eliminate the death penalty at the federal level, and incentivize states to follow the federal government's example. These individuals should instead serve life sentences without probation or parole."

EDUCATIONAL CHOICE

In February 2020, [Trump said](#), "Yet, for too long, countless American children have been trapped in failing government schools. To rescue these students, 18 states have created school choice in the form of Opportunity Scholarships... no parent should be forced to send their child to a failing government school."

In January 2020, [Biden tweeted](#), "When we divert public funds to private schools, we undermine the entire public education system. We've got to prioritize investing in our public schools, so every kid in America gets a fair shot. That's why I oppose vouchers."

ENVIRONMENT

[Trump has begun](#) the process of withdrawing the U.S. from the Paris Agreement on climate change, an international agreement to reduce global greenhouse gas emissions.

According to his website, [a Biden administration will re-enter](#) the Paris Agreement on day one.

ETHICS IN RESEARCH

In 2019, [the Trump Administration announced](#) its decision to discontinue research conducted within the National Institutes of Health "involving the use of human fetal tissue from elective abortion".

While serving in the U.S. Senate: In 2007, [Biden voted](#) in favor of the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2007 (S.5), which provides for human embryonic stem cell research. In 1998, [Biden voted](#) against the Human Cloning Prohibition Act (S.1601).

GENDER ISSUES

In 2019, [the White House confirmed](#) Trump's opposition to the [Equality Act](#), which would add the new terms "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" to the definition of "sex" in federal civil rights laws, and would exempt itself from the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993: "The Trump Administration absolutely opposes discrimination of any kind and supports the equal treatment of all. However, this bill in its current form is filled with poison pills that threaten to undermine parental and conscience rights."

According to his website, [Biden believes](#) the [Equality Act](#) is the "best vehicle for ensuring equal rights under the law for LGBTQ+ Americans, and will guarantee that LGBTQ+ individuals are protected under existing civil rights laws." Biden lists enacting the Equality Act as a top legislative priority.

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HEALTH CARE ACCESS

According to his website, [Trump](#) "repealed the Obamacare individual mandate, expanded plan choices and increased competition to bring down costs for consumers." In June 2020, [the Trump administration argued](#) in a legal brief that the entire Affordable Care Act (ACA) should be invalidated. Signed into law in 2010, ACA expanded access to health care coverage for the uninsured.

According to a White House fact sheet, [Trump](#) "is using all available means to ensure safe vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics are developed, manufactured, and distributed in unprecedented time and scale in response to COVID-19."

According to his website, [Biden will protect](#) the Affordable Care Act and build on it by "giving Americans a new choice, a public health insurance option like Medicare; increasing the value of tax credits to lower premiums and extend coverage to more working Americans; [and] expanding coverage to low-income Americans."

According to his website, [Biden's COVID-19 plan](#) "ensures the wide availability of free testing; the elimination of all cost barriers to preventive care and treatment for COVID-19; the development of a vaccine; and the full deployment and operation of necessary supplies, personnel, and facilities."

IMMIGRATION/REFUGEES

According to his website, "Upon entering office, [President Trump called on](#) Congress to fully fund a wall along the Southern border, to close legal loopholes that enable illegal immigration, to end chain migration, and to eliminate the visa lottery program."

In July 2020, [the Trump Administration announced](#) it would reject applications for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program stating, "...the fact remains that Congress should act on this matter."

[The Trump Administration proposes](#) resettling 18,000 refugees under a new refugee ceiling. The number admitted in 2016 was nearly 85,000.

According to Biden's website, "As president, [Joe will prioritize](#) a comprehensive immigration reform to finally give 11 million undocumented immigrants a roadmap to citizenship."

In June 2020, [Biden stated](#), "As President, I will immediately work to make [DACA] permanent by sending a bill to Congress on day one of my Administration."

[Biden will set](#) the annual global refugee admissions cap to 125,000.

POVERTY

In 2019, [the Trump Administration opposed](#) a House-passed bill that would raise the federal minimum wage to \$15, stating, "efforts to reduce taxes, eliminate regulations, and implement fairer trade deals are driving economic growth and increasing workers' take-home pay far more effectively and efficiently than legislation like H.R. 582." The current federal minimum wage is \$7.25 per hour; a number of states and localities have adopted higher rates.

According to Biden's website, "[He firmly believes](#) all Americans are owed a raise, and it's well past time we increase the federal minimum wage to \$15 across the country. This increase would include workers who aren't currently earning the minimum wage, like the farmworkers who grow our food and domestic workers who care for our aging and sick and for those with disabilities."

RACIAL EQUITY

In June 2020, [Trump announced](#) four steps to address racial inequity and police reform: 1) aggressively pursuing economic development in minority communities; 2) confronting healthcare disparities, including addressing chronic conditions and investing in minority-serving medical institutions; 3) an [executive order](#) that will encourage police departments nationwide to meet the most current professional standards for the use of force, including tactics for de-escalation; and 4) renewing a call on Congress to enact school choice.

In a June 2020 op-ed, [Biden said](#), "We should also be directing our resources to actively undo the negative effect systemic racism has had on opportunities for black Americans," citing inequities for African-American entrepreneurs, the gap in home ownership and discriminatory lending practices. [Biden also said](#), "...I'm proposing an additional \$300 million to reinvigorate community policing in our country. Every single police department should have the money it needs to institute real reforms..."

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

In 2017, [Trump signed](#) an executive order, which states, "Federal law protects the freedom of Americans and their organizations to exercise religion and participate fully in civic life without undue interference by the Federal Government. The executive branch will honor and enforce those protections."

In response to a July 2020 U.S. Supreme Court ruling preserving the religious liberty of the Little Sisters of the Poor, [a White House statement said](#), "As the Supreme Court has previously stated, protecting the ability of people to worship and live according to the dictates of their conscience is part of 'the best of our traditions.'"

According to Biden's website, "The Trump-Pence Administration has deliberately and systematically attempted to gut protections for the LGBTQ+ community by carving out broad religious exemptions to existing nondiscrimination laws and policies across federal agencies. [Biden will reverse](#) Trump's policies misusing these broad exemptions..."

Regarding the July 2020 ruling, [Biden said](#) the decision, "will make it easier for the Trump-Pence Administration to continue to strip health care from women--attempting to carve out broad exemptions to the Affordable Care Act's commitment to giving all women free access to recommended contraception."

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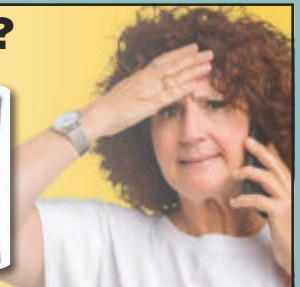
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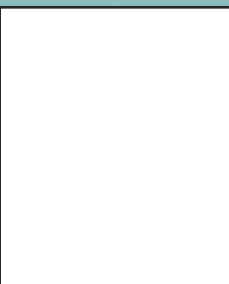
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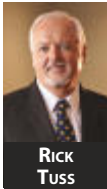
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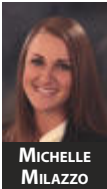
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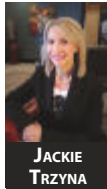
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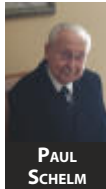
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