

EQUALLY SACRED SCORECARD

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2020: Who We Elect Matters



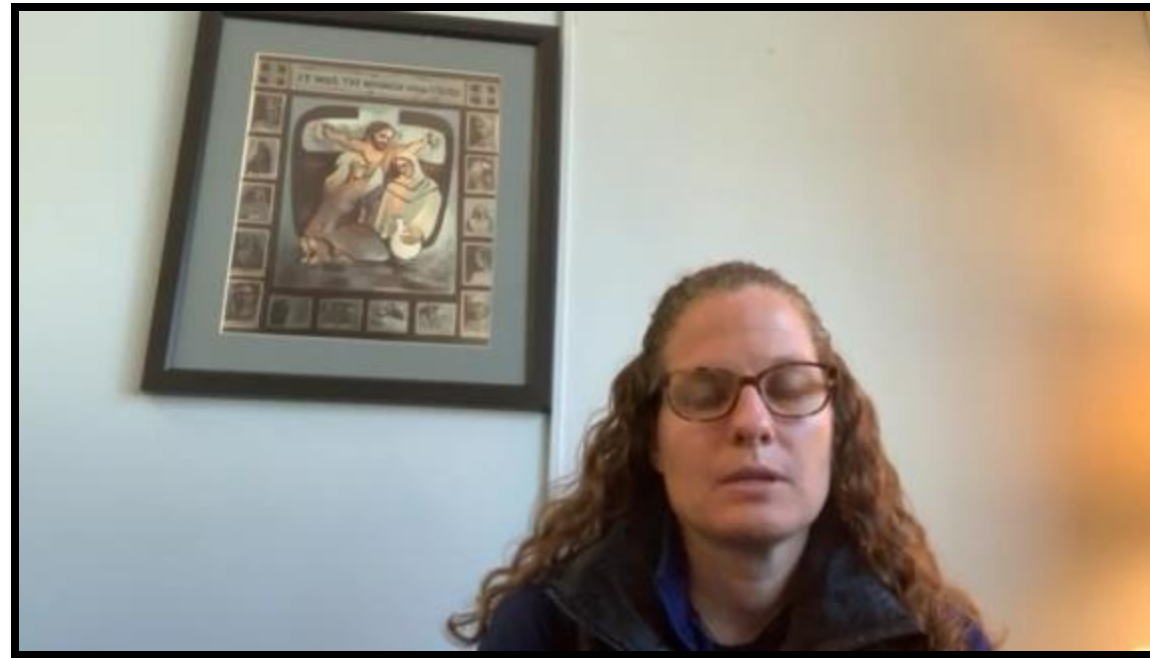
“Equally Sacred” Background

- ☀ Who we elect matters
- ☀ NETWORK’s multi-issue agenda
- ☀ Messaging and resources to reach voters

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Victims of human trafficking & economic slavery.

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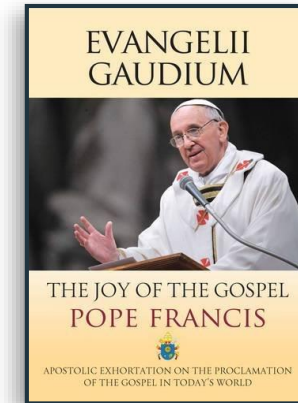
A tool for voters to evaluate candidates' positions on the issues Pope Francis names as "equally sacred" to the defense of the unborn

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Scorecard Sources

- ☀️ *Evangelii Gaudium* “Joy of the Gospel” – Nov. 2013
 - Apostolic Exhortation on proclaiming the Gospel in the world
- ☀️ *Laudato Si’* “Praise Be to You” – May 2015
 - Papal Encyclical on the care for our common home
- ☀️ *Guadete et Exsultate* “Rejoice & be Glad” – March 2018
 - Apostolic Exhortation on Holiness
- ☀️ General Audience – June 3, 2020
 - Addressed the sins of racism and exclusion after the murder of George Floyd



How did this work?



Liz @bluebonnetbunny · Oct 11, 2020

Please share - The Equally Sacred scorecard. " If we are pro-life we cannot ignore economic inequality." "Equally sacred are people and families on the economic fringes." #NunsOnTheBus @sr_simone



Katy Ganino Reddick

Thank you for shaping language that makes discussing these issues easier.

Like Reply Hide 1y



Susie Doran

I have shared this scorecard with as many one issue voters that I can. Unfortunately, we have a priest who publicly remains one issue.

Like Reply Hide 1y



Estelle Hans

Please read - it is written with such clarity and looks at the real need and the big picture.

Candidate Positions

- ☀ Funding housing, nutrition programs and other economic supports
- ☀ Increase access to health care and oppose cuts to Medicare/Medicaid
- ☀ Support for raising the minimum wage and workers' right to organize

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Previous record, statements.... Tweets.

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Multi-Issue Voter Messaging

- ☀ It is immoral to allow a single issue to outweigh candidates' positions that harm immigrants and asylum seekers, low-income families, people of color, the LGBTQ+ community, the environment, and other marginalized communities
- ☀ Focus on a single issue allows other social sins to continue unchecked – environmental destruction, economic exploitation, harm to immigrants, racism, and more.
- ☀ In recent years, Pope Francis – echoing hundreds of years of Church teaching – has spoken clearly and forcefully about the demands facing Catholics in the public sphere.
- ☀ We cannot support candidates whose policies worsen economic inequality, sow division, racism, and xenophobia, and impose greater harm on the most vulnerable
- ☀ Racism and economic inequality are systemic problems that need systemic solutions. We need policies that advance racial and economic justice. As we say: "Policies got us into this, policies can get us out."
- ☀ We encourage people of faith to listen to their own conscience and embrace an expansive, inclusive agenda of political priorities instead of a narrow one

Practice: Talking Points

One-on-One Time: Practicing Multi-Issue Talking Points

1. How does your faith inform your political engagement/voting?
2. What issues do you care about?
3. Why are you a multi-issue voter?

Return at 11:30 AM

Large Group Report Out

- What went well?
- Where can you see yourself using this messaging?

The Roll Out

- ☀️ Co-branded versions
- ☀️ Spanish and Vietnamese translations
- ☀️ Social Media
- ☀️ January 2021 Georgia Runoff

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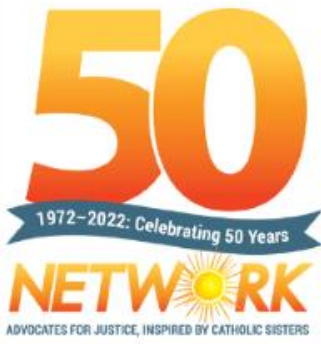
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