



Catholic CITIZENSHIP

Election Day is September 20th, 2011

2011 LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE POSITIONS

Candidates are in alphabetical order. Legend: NR = No Response, UND = Undecided, UNK= Unknown

Roger Brunelle (Middleboro) (D)	State Representative District: 12 th Bristol Includes part of: Freetown, Lakeville, Middleboro, New Bedford and Taunton	Keiko Orrall (Lakeville) (R)
NR	1. Would you vote YES to allow Mass. citizens to vote on a Constitutional Amendment that would define future marriages as between one man and one woman?	YES
NR	2. Would you support the Bathroom Bill (transgender rights bill), which would allow biological males access to women's bathroom and fitness facilities?	NO
NR	3. Since there has been a major scientific breakthrough enabling the creation of embryonic-like stem cells without creating, destroying or cloning human embryos, should the state ban all human cloning?	YES
NR	4. Do you support state tax-dollars' funding the "Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Youth Commission," which promotes alternative sexualities in the public schools and in public policy?	NO
YES	5. Should casinos or slot machines (Class 3 Gambling), be legalized in Massachusetts?	NO
NR	6. Do you support mandating the Health Curriculum Framework, which would teach students how to obtain an abortion without parental consent, as well as expose children to topics of human sexuality at a very young age, as a graduation requirement?	NO
NR	7. Do you support Laura's Law, which would require that women considering abortion receive more complete information about their pregnancies, so that women can give more informed consent, as is required of every other medical procedure?	YES
NR	8. Should the Mass. sales tax be reduced back to 5%?	YES
NR	9. Should children of illegal aliens be given the taxpayer-subsidized, in-state tuition rate for state colleges and universities?	NO

Candidate positions are from voting records, questionnaires, public statements, and other sources. Prepared according to IRS guidelines for distribution by 501(c)3 non-profits and churches.

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**EXCERPTS FROM 2010 MASSACHUSETTS BISHOPS' STATEMENT
ON ELECTING OUR CIVIC LEADERS**

“Particularly for us as Catholics, voting is an exercise of reason inspired by faith. The Holy Father has thus observed: “Just as every economic decision has a moral consequence, so too in the political field, the ethical dimension of policy has far-reaching consequences that no government can afford to ignore[.]” “This is why,” he continued, “the world of reason and the world of faith—the world of secular rationality and the world of religious belief—need one another and should not be afraid to enter into a profound and ongoing dialogue, for the good of our civilization.” **Papal Address** at Westminster Hall, England, Sept. 17, 2010.”

“Certain moral and social issues are fundamentally important, since human rights are at stake and must be protected to help democracy to flourish in a way that benefits every citizen. These include **the defense of the sanctity of life, the family based on marriage between a man and a woman, religious freedom, and the well-being of the poor.**”

“The opportunity to vote is a blessing. Taking advantage of this opportunity is an expression of hope. **Go to the polls on Election Day** and, through your choices at the ballot, act on your vision of a better society.”

+ **Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap.**
Archdiocese of Boston

+ **Bishop George W. Coleman**
Diocese of Fall River

+ **Bishop Timothy A. McDonnell**
Diocese of Springfield

+ **Bishop Robert J. McManus**
Diocese of Worcester

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Sept. 20th.**