

families about finding faith and strength through challenges. **Other examples:** St. Josephine Bakhita, St. Nicholas, St. Priscilla, St. Rita of Cascia, and St. Valentine.

Health Care

Along with food, water, and shelter, access to health care is a basic human right. The Church considers healing a central ministry and has long fought for quality, affordable, and life-affirming care, especially for the poor.

- Does the candidate support increased access to affordable health care for low- and moderate-income individuals and families?
- Does the candidate respect human life, human dignity, and religious freedom in the health care system?



St. Teresa of Calcutta is well-known for dedicating her life to caring for the poorest of the poor. In 1950, St. Teresa founded the Missionaries of Charity and created a home for the destitute and the dying. An unyielding advocate for all human life, St. Teresa's life affirmed the worth of every person through her care and public service. **Other examples:** St. Damien of Molokai, St. Luke, St. Marianne Cope, St. Padre Pio, and St. Peregrine.

Restorative Justice

In recent years, the criminal justice system has learned it is more effective to be smart on crime rather than simply relying on harsh punishments. A Catholic approach to criminal justice begins with calling for all to be free from crime and violence, while at the same time recognizing an offender's dignity and pursuing solutions that encourage rehabilitation rather than retribution.

- Does the candidate support sentencing guidelines and parole practices that reflect an individual's potential threat to society, rather than mandatory minimum sentencing?
- Does the candidate support rehabilitation and re-entry programs for those who were incarcerated, to help them become productive members of society upon release?

St. Maximilian Kolbe is the patron of the imprisoned. The friar operated a religious publishing press, opened monasteries, and during World War II, started a temporary hospital. St. Maximilian Kolbe was taken to Auschwitz and volunteered to die in the place of another man. His sacrifice urges Catholics to ask: what more can one give of his or her own life to support those in need, including victims of crimes and prisoners whose dignity is often ignored? **Other examples:** St. Daniel of Padua, St. Dismas, St. John Cafasso, St. Maria Goretti, and St. Germaine Cousin.



Immigrants and Refugees

Migrant worker visas and refugee resettlement policies have come to the forefront of the nation's immigration dialogue. Catholics are sensitive to the reasons why families flee their home country, such as war, unjust governments, and authoritarian regimes that suppress religious freedom, often-times with violence. A lack of food, water, health care, or other necessities also play a role.

- Does the candidate support an immigration reform proposal that offers a path to citizenship, treats workers fairly, and prevents the separation of families?
- Does the candidate support immigration reform that maintains border integrity, respects U.S. laws, and addresses factors that compel people to leave their own countries?



St. Frances Xavier Cabrini is the patron saint of immigrants. She founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, as well as almost seventy institutions after coming to America, including orphanages, hospitals, and schools. In 1909, she became a naturalized citizen of the United States. Her life reminds Catholics of the value of "welcoming the stranger" and engaging with people of cultures different from their own. **Other examples:** St. Alban, Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini, St. Julian, St. Lorenzo Ruiz, and St. Toribio Romo.