

2016 Election Endorsements by Members of St. Joseph County Right to Life

St. Joseph County Right to Life (SJCRTL) has decided not to survey local candidates this season for a variety of reasons, the foremost being that some candidates did not live up to their pro-life commitments as surveyed (ie: county council members Mark Catanzarite and Rafael Morton failed to support the pro-life proposed Patient Safety Ordinance last year, even though they answered in support of such measures when surveyed). We will send out Indiana Right to Life's candidate survey for state and federal offices. Please read these endorsements by RTL members (not SJCRTL) for some of the local candidates, and be sure to consult this insert again closer to the election.

John Henry for St. Joseph County Council, District G (verses incumbent Mark Catanzarite)

John Henry is currently in South Bend's downtown business renaissance as a manager at Vennli, a startup out of the University of Notre Dame. John began working there while earning his MBA at Notre Dame, graduating magna cum laude in 2015 and winning multiple leadership awards. Prior to resuming his academic studies, John had launched two successful online startups and led consulting engagements in Washington, D.C. for Booz Allen Hamilton, where he supported budgetary improvement initiatives for federal government agencies. John is eager to commit his entrepreneurial passion, government consulting experience, and devotion to family causes to the service of St. Joseph County. Campaign website: JohnHenryCampaign@gmail.com.

"As a stalwart supporter of the unborn, we wholeheartedly endorse John for St Joe County Council. He is a man of unshakeable faith with a work ethic and drive second to none. We are confident that John will vigilantly fight for the rights of the unborn if elected to this office." Dan and Petra Farrell, SJCRTL members

"Dear Mr. Henry: I am pleased to inform you that Indiana Right to Life PAC is officially endorsing your candidacy for county council...Our endorsement is based on a variety of factors including your longstanding support for the sanctity of life... Indiana Right to Life PAC encourages pro-life voters in your district to give you their support."



Mike Fichter, Chairman, Indiana Right to Life PAC

Mark Telloyan for St. Joseph County Council, District F (incumbent, verses Roger Mathia, Jr.)

Mark Telloyan currently serves on the council, is a lawyer in private practice, and was previously a St. Joseph County deputy prosecutor. District F includes Centre Township, Lakeville, North Liberty, Walkerton, Wyatt, and New Carlisle. Campaign website: www.marktelloyan.com

"Mark Telloyan has proven to be a valuable member of the council, as he stepped in to fill a vacancy in 2015. Having worked with Mark as a deputy prosecutor and also in private practice, I know him well and can endorse him without reservation. He is a solid pro-life man of character." Jamie O'Brien, SJCRTL member and County Councilman

Mark Root for St. Joseph County Council, District I (incumbent, verses Joe Carbone)

Mark Root states: "I am proudly pro life. I have been employed for the last 20 years as a librarian at Bethel College. I am currently seeking my fourth term to the St. Joseph County Council representing Mishawaka and Penn Township. The pro-life community will always have my support. I thank St. Joseph Right to Life for the incredibly valuable work that they do."

"Mark Root has served well on the county council for more than a decade. Mark voted in favor of the Patient Safety Ordinance last year, which would have set common-sense regulations for local abortionists. I am confident he would support pro-life measures again in the future." Jamie O'Brien, SJCRTL member and County Councilman

Deborah Fleming for St. Joseph County Commissioner, 3rd District (incumbent, verses Phil Dotson)

Townships: Portions of Penn and Portage. Dr. Deborah Fleming was caucused in as county commissioner to replace Marsha McClure in December of 2014. Since then, she has worked hard for the citizens of St. Joseph County to make

our county government transparent, efficient and accountable to its citizens. As a private business owner, she brings a business philosophy to local government by enhancing customer service and financial responsibility. Deb is not afraid to question the status quo and look for ways to improve government processes and standards.

"Dr. Fleming, as county commissioner, was ready to sign off on the Patient Safety Ordinance last year, which would have regulated the local abortionist. Because the measure failed to pass through the council, she did not have that opportunity, but I'm confident that she will support any pro-life measures in the future that reach her office of commissioner." Connie Dygulski, SJCTRL member

Cory Gathright for South Bend School Board, At Large

Cory Gathright has been a Pastor in this city for 10 years. He serves as the President of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Saint Joseph County and Chairman of the Religious Affairs Committee of the NAACP. His campaign has adopted the slogan "Together We Stand" as a message to the community that it is time to work together toward a common goal.

"I endorse Cory Gathright for School Board because he is a pro-life man of character, a member of Right to Life, and speaks up to his congregations on the life issues. If elected, he would defend and support stronger abstinence education in the sex ed presentations of the South Bend schools, something that is greatly needed to counter the current Planned Parenthood brand of sex ed, which leads to an abortion mindset and vulnerability." Sally Thompson, SJCTRL member

Scott Siler for South Bend School Board, District 3 (verses Bill Sniadecki and Leslie Wesley)

As a former teacher with a Masters in Education, the son of two teachers, the husband of a South Bend teacher and father of a South Bend student, Scott has had an interest in students, their education and how school systems are managed for many years. During the last 26 years, he has been a strategic consultant and manager of large projects, including his current role at Notre Dame. Scott states: "When the students in our schools are in health class, I would support an emphasis on abstinence and its benefits." Campaign website: www.SilerSB3.com.

"Scott Siler was a fellow church member of mine who possesses strong pro-life and family values. I believe he would be a strong and effective leader of the South Bend school board and support these important Christian values." Kevin Mitchelen, SJCTRL member and area pastor

Indiana and Presidential Candidates: Open Letter from John Connaughton

"We are blessed to live in a democracy where each person's vote is so important and means so much. We, as citizens, have the right and the power to construct the government under which we live. It is, therefore, so very important that we exercise this right and power.

As voters, we face extremely important issues: chief among these are terrorism, national security, poverty, immigration, and abortion. And the most vital and important of these is abortion. Abortion extinguishes the right to life. Without life, the other issues cannot even exist, much less be a threat. So, as voters in our democratic society, we should look first to the matter of abortion as we choose among the candidates for public office.

In Indiana, there are three candidates who are strongly opposed to abortion. They are **Eric Holcomb for governor, Todd Young for U.S. Senate, and Jackie Walorski (incumbent) for US House of Representatives** who has a strong pro-life voting record. They need and deserve the vote and support of everyone who is pro-life.

Regarding abortion and the office of president, the situation is, regrettably, murky. Hillary Clinton is a long and strong supporter of Roe v. Wade, abortion on demand. If elected, she would, without a doubt, nominate persons to the Supreme Court who are in favor of abortion. Donald Trump says that he opposes abortion, but his past record casts doubt on that assertion. However, he has stated he will appoint pro-life judges, and has chosen our extremely pro-life governor Mike Pence to be his VP. Voters who are pro-life have no good choice. However, between these two candidates, Trump is the better selection." John Connaughton, SJCTRL member