

## Catholic Advocacy Network Survey

### Q14 Do you have any additional comments or suggestions about how to improve Catholic Advocacy Network messages?

Answered: 71 Skipped: 240

#	Responses	Date
1	Visit Churches , interact	3/18/2016 7:51 PM
2	notaythistime	3/18/2016 3:43 PM
3	Thank you for your work. I appreciate hearing the Catholic view of what is going on in our government.	3/18/2016 3:32 PM
4	Great service. While I am not sure that we always have the same priorities, I appreciate the clarity of your communication. Great job on the Focus issue on Immigrants and Refugees.	3/18/2016 3:21 PM
5	The ranking feature did not work. I appreciate CAN and the leg. advocacy I can do through your support, guidance and expertise. Thank you!	3/17/2016 8:48 AM
6	Thank you for these important updates	3/15/2016 9:32 PM
7	They are quite good already. The key is focus and clarity - and timeliness.	3/15/2016 4:12 PM
8	You seem to talk about the most random issues. Whenever I've seen a bulletin insert you'll take a stand on some state proposals (for example) that have barely anything to do with the faith and completely ignore the "controversial" ones that are actually related. I do appreciate that you shed light on issues that many people don't talk about (human trafficking, etc). But just telling people to email their legislators doesn't do much. Legislators ignore email, especially campaigns because there's just too much email and form emails are basically spam. What can we do to actually stand out and be heard? What can you do as an organization to help facilitate effective communication?	3/15/2016 4:02 PM
9	keep them short	3/15/2016 3:21 PM
10	Just joined so more information sounds good for me	3/14/2016 5:46 PM
11	The question on Euthanasia is confusing - you simply listed the word and I am not aware of current measures - either to implement the availability or to prohibit it in our State or country. I am opposed to the legalization of assisted suicide.	3/14/2016 12:10 PM
12	Please keep in mind that there are areas in which educated people can disagree and remain Christian in their actions. If any entity, MCC included, puts forth a position on every issue, is that truly making a statement or making a lot of noise?	3/14/2016 9:46 AM
13	The Catholic Advocacy Network is not promoted or visible in Catholic Parishes. Bulletin articles would help and prompts that can be posted on parish websites. This would be a better way to reach parishes. Also, what is being done on college campuses? It might be worthwhile to begin advocacy organizations on college campuses.	3/14/2016 9:31 AM
14	I like the legislative updates from a Catholic perspective.	3/14/2016 5:14 AM
15	Thank you for all that you do!!	3/13/2016 11:27 PM
16	thank you for all your efforts I hope it is working for us all in general	3/13/2016 11:03 PM
17	It's great! Perhaps you could promote it through social media.	3/13/2016 7:58 PM
18	Although Catholic, we also participate with the american family Association. I like the pre-written letters that I can then edit. Pre-written provides the specifics of the topic. I tend to site the Forefathers and other topics, usually siting being a veteran also. Regarding Question 23; all three of our now adult children went to Catholic school; grade school to high school	3/13/2016 7:47 PM
19	you're doing a great job	3/13/2016 7:21 PM
20	I wish the Diocese would clarify their statement regarding the problem of some illegal aliens are terrorists. Do our leaders have the responsibility to protect our country and all the people in it from terrorists, as they may come into the country illegally be entering the southern and northern borders?	3/13/2016 5:23 PM
21	Always put action alerts that require action first. Don't hide them in the content. Make it clear to see without having to scroll down.	3/13/2016 4:27 PM

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22	Don't assume that everyone supports more government interference in our lives -- higher taxes, more benefits for illegal immigrants, etc.	3/13/2016 1:42 PM
23	No	3/13/2016 11:55 AM
24	Na	3/13/2016 9:56 AM
25	In light of MCC's recent changes to the lay healthcare program I will be unsubscribing from this newsletter. I no longer trust your judgement with regard to legislation.	3/13/2016 7:43 AM
26	no	3/13/2016 3:53 AM
27	You have to help me by teaching me what is the most effective and valuable response in given situations.	3/12/2016 10:16 PM
28	Michigan CC recently changes benefits policy to provide benefits coverage for second person cohabiting with CC employee. An enormously confusing error in an era of full court press defense by LGBT forces there to steal the ball. Michigan Catholic Conference has handed them the ball!!!	3/12/2016 9:57 PM
29	Thank you for your work!	3/12/2016 9:51 PM
30	none	3/12/2016 2:52 PM
31	No	3/12/2016 11:55 AM
32	Encourage clergy to speak out on issues, most catholics are clueless regarding, contraception, abortion, gay marriage, fornication, adultery. Let people know church teaching on them. It will NOT effect the churches tax exempt status! Our church is part the blame for not speaking out, and as a result our country is in shambles!	3/12/2016 10:37 AM
33	Not at this time.	3/12/2016 10:01 AM
34	Excellent job.	3/12/2016 9:54 AM
35	You need to add climate change to your list of covered topics. A continued absence of the climate change issue in your emails even after the publication of Pope Francis' encyclical can only be explained by a political bias which violates Catholic teaching.	3/12/2016 9:18 AM
36	None	3/12/2016 9:18 AM
37	Great source of Christian thoughts, directions and concerns.	3/12/2016 8:49 AM
38	Need to address what the Catholic Church is doing to control the problems within the church. Need to advise everyone exactly where is all the money going to.	3/12/2016 8:47 AM
39	Stay truly Catholic in your teachings.....There is no greater right than the Right to Life. If we do not have respect for the life of the unborn then we will not have any respect for the elderly, sick, immigrants,each other!!	3/12/2016 8:31 AM
40	good stuff...haven't used a lot yet, but that part is my fault. very good and useful information. ...not sure if this is feasible, but would be great to have a 'one click' button on the email from you that would formulate standard email response to elected representatives involved... and then just allow us to sign and send....	3/12/2016 8:18 AM
41	I think you are doing a great job of getting the word out.	3/12/2016 7:41 AM
42	Provide changes made by companies in Michigan that affect us. For example, DTE has gotten rid of all of the cashiers. Customers now have to pay their bills at a machine located in a DTE office or at a retail store. This is bad for people who do not know how to use these machines for example, older seniors. Customers can still pay their bill via US mail or online. Also, DTE closed the customer service center in NW Detroit because of building issues. Customers in that part of the city have to go to the east side or south side of the city to visit a DTE customer service center. DTE cut jobs and still increased our rates!!!! Also, what is going on with the possible reductions to auto insurance rates? When will auto insurance rates in Michigan and metro Detroit go down?	3/12/2016 4:05 AM

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43	I think you should focus on fewer issues. When you put forth an opinion on every issue under the sun, you dilute your influence and tire your readers and legislators. Sometimes the numbers of opinions and positions you have baffle me and it all goes in one ear and out the other. Likewise, when you have a great multitude of positions, it is easier for a politician to hide behind small, less important positions by supporting you in those, while opposing you on really important issues...."I support you on better education for kids, on tax credits, on better streets, on better schools.....so if we oppose you on killing little kids in the womb before they can be born to use the streets and schools and tax credits, that's OK because we are with you on most things!" You also need to focus on the kinds of things that will allow your constituents to speak and to act morally. If you sell doctors and nurses and hospitals out on their ability to refuse immoral procedures, the baker on refusing immoral participation, the citizen on speaking politically incorrectly, who will defend you when it comes to your ability to speak or act morally. You yourselves have recently been forced to kind of sell out by providing "domestic partner" and "gay partner" benefits. You did it quietly, but you did it. What is next? The Catholic population in this state and country is huge! It's time to start really organizing it and looking at which party is likely to support you. It's nice to schmooze with Stabenow and Peters.....but they are not friends of Catholics!!!! Read some of what Bishop Povich had to say on these issues!	3/12/2016 3:33 AM
44	.	3/12/2016 2:01 AM
45	Define difference between legal and illegal immigrants when asking these questions. Some social safety net programs are good, others a waste of money. Your survey doesn't allow differentiation.	3/12/2016 12:35 AM
46	The Catholic Church must never, never, enforce morality and its doctrine tenets through legislative action. Morality and Catholic doctrine principles must be taught and preached from the pulpit. After that people have to make-up their own minds and make their own choices.	3/11/2016 10:07 PM
47	I like receiving the Catholic Advocacy Network updates because I trust MCC to accurately reflect both the teachings of the Catholic Church as they apply to social issues and I just trust MCC. Keep it coming.	3/11/2016 9:20 PM
48	You provide a very valuable service. Many thanks for all you do.	3/11/2016 8:51 PM
49	I like the idea of this survey. Would like to see the results promulgated. Important to listen to the "People of God" as the living Church among us.	3/11/2016 8:40 PM
50	No. Thank you.	3/11/2016 8:40 PM
51	Advertise in ALL the parish bulletins, once or twice a year, about how to sign up for the Catholic Advocacy Network emails and/or Action Alerts.	3/11/2016 8:32 PM
52	Stop being so supportive of the Republican party who are so removed from living the gospel message and are entirely in the pocket of people like the DeVos and Koch brothers. Please take a stand and call these elected idiots on the carpet and stop making abortion the lynch pin of your efforts. These goons say they protect life and after birth could care less about anything but their own power and greed. Can you say "Flint"?	3/11/2016 8:28 PM
53	no	3/11/2016 7:57 PM
54	Prefer to email legislators, not phone. Set email up so I just have to fill in boxes with pers. info. & send it. Easy & quick.	3/11/2016 7:44 PM
55	there are some issues that while not particularly "Catholic" are still important. And as the issues come up for a vote-information would be valuable	3/11/2016 7:25 PM
56	No.	3/11/2016 7:21 PM
57	No.	3/11/2016 6:48 PM
58	I like that they are concise and clear about what action we need to take, if any, with all of the information included. I am going to use this input box to say that Questions #5 & #6 about euthanasia and assisted suicide are ambiguous. I wasn't sure if you were asking if I was in favor of euthanasia/assisted suicide or in favor of preventing any legislation permitting it. I am unequivocally a proponent of life from conception to natural death - and I DO NOT WANT the Michigan legislature to fall down the slippery slope that other states have in allowing physician assisted suicide - murder. (Just want to be clear)	3/11/2016 6:16 PM
59	This survey is a very crude measure of the intensity of my interest in the issues listed, Many of the questions, especially those related to "social justice" matters (read liberal Democrat definitions) beg for clearer definition and to immigration beg clearer definition. Feel free to call me at 248-568-1043 if you want me to elaborate.	3/11/2016 6:13 PM
60	I do not have a suggestion for improvement. Those issues that are important to me I tend to act on and contact my elected representatives. Issues that do not interest me I tend not to respond/react.	3/11/2016 5:55 PM
61	Encourage the bishops to be more interested in subsidiarity.	3/11/2016 5:46 PM
62	I did not like the ranking of issues 1 - 10.	3/11/2016 5:35 PM
63	No	3/11/2016 5:31 PM

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64	Your overall suggestions indicate to me that you are most likely a progressive which I find a little prejudicial as to your study outcome.	3/11/2016 5:19 PM
65	NO.	3/11/2016 5:12 PM
66	All messages look the same. Might be advantageous to have shorter email highlights with link to site for more information or have different format for info vs. things that require an action.	3/11/2016 5:08 PM
67	Great information - great site. Thank you!	3/11/2016 4:54 PM
68	None	3/11/2016 4:54 PM
69	No suggestions. You do a very good job.	3/11/2016 4:49 PM
70	Information from pastor	3/11/2016 4:46 PM
71	It is not virtuous to advocate for taxpayer dollars to be used for charity. It's slavery.	3/11/2016 4:43 PM