

Clergy Endorsement of conservative judges in 2022 Ohio General Election

The protection of the unborn and born from abortion is the defining issue of our times. For the 2022 general election, the fate of the Ohio State Supreme Court is hanging in the balance. If conservatives lose the Supreme Court judicial races, the Court swings to the Secular Left and abortion in Ohio will likely remain and possibly expand. With that said, as over one hundred faith leaders from multiple denominations, we believe Christians have a civic duty to vote Biblical values in the election and to protect the sanctity of life.

A recent report indicates sixty-six abortion mills across fifteen states stopped giving abortions following the Dobbs v. Jackson case overruling Roe v. Wade. (1) Presently, the Ohio Heartbeat Law which bans abortion after six weeks of pregnancy has been put on hold by a Hamilton County Common Pleas Court judge. The magnitude of this one court decision illustrates the importance of electing Pro-life state and local judges.

While judicial activists are producing a two-tiered system of justice, we believe Judeo-Christian values establish a framework of morality necessary for limited government. There is no constitutional right to abortion. Impartial jurisprudence practices a contextual originalist approach to interpreting the federal and state constitutions. For civilized society to function, application of the law must be fair and impartial.

As GOD says in the Book of Isaiah, "I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counselors as at the beginning: *afterward* thou shalt be called, the city of righteousness, the faithful city."

Furthermore, based on merit we promote candidates who represent the best interests of faith, family, and freedom. As one hundred and twelve (112) leading clergymen in our state, we encourage Ohioans to show up at their polling places in person on Tuesday, November 8th, 2022 and vote in favor of the following judicial candidates:

Re-election of Justice Sharon Kennedy for Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice for 6-year term
Re-election of Associate Justice Pat Fischer for Ohio Supreme Court for 6-year term
Re-election of Associate Justice Pat DeWine for Ohio Supreme Court for 6-year term
Re-election of Justice Craig Baldwin for Ohio Court of Appeals 5th District for 6-year term
Election of Atty. Beth Owens for Richland County Domestic Court Judge for 6-year term

These conservative candidates can be judged by their record. All three Supreme Court Justices running for office have ruled in favor of the sanctity of life on two critical occasions: In 2018 to reinstate the order of the Ohio Department of Health revoking and refusing to renew the license of a Toledo abortion clinic,(2) and in 2016 stating a Cleveland abortion clinic did not have standing to challenge a state budget bill which included additional requirements for abortion providers. (3)

Justice Craig Baldwin states his judicial philosophy is based on Originalism and that Justice Neil Gorsuch best epitomizes this philosophy. Locally, Atty. Beth Owens has served eighteen years in law and previously served as Board President of Richland Pregnancy Services and board member of Love in the Name of Christ (Love Inc).

In closing, elections have consequences. With three of the seven seats up for election, the next term of the Ohio State Supreme Court will decide if the barbaric abortion of children is a constitutional right. There is no question, this Ohio election is a matter of life and death.

The following one hundred and twelve (112) leading Ohio clergy formally announce their support of the listed conservative judicial candidates:

Pastor John Temple	Pastor Russell Stanford	Dr. DeWayne Smith
Bishop Anthony Cooper	Pastor Troy Thompson	Pastor Clint Zeigler
Pastor Les Vnasdale	Pastor Wade Hartzell	Pastor Robert O'Brian
Pastor Mark Dettmer	Pastor George Lewis	Dr. Ricky Branham
Pastor Chad Berry	Pastor Layton Broome	Pastor J.C. Church
Pastor John Bouquet	Pastor Brian Phillips	Pastor Chad Hayes
Pastor Justin Lawhorn	Rabbi Bob Bauer	Pastor Brad Gentile
Pastor Doug Tackett	Pastor Bobby Edwards	Pastor Aaron Boggs
Pastor Ben Gregg	Pastor Dan Baer	Pastor Robert Kurtz
Pastor Louis Blevins	Rabbi William Hallbrook	Pastor James Marshall
Pastor Chris Spencer	Pastor Rob Ratcliff	Pastor David Bates
Pastor Dallas Waggle	Pastor Bruce Philippi	Pastor Steve Schag
Pastor Eric Byrom	Pastor Mark Meyer	Pastor Michael Constantino
Pastor Brian Snow	Pastor Walter Moss	Pastor Joe Silvestri
Pastor Taylor Howard	Pastor Faron Cole	Pastor Russell Smith
Pastor Jason Price	Pastor Matthew Potosky	Pastor Joe Smith
Reverend El Akuchie	Pastor LaMont Lindsay	Pastor Steve Kistler
Pastor Berry Carter	Pastor Mike Rose	Pastor Jeremy Rands
Bishop Sylvester Ginn	Pastor David Parsons	Pastor Dink Porter
Pastor Matthew Pond	Pastor Mark Wireman	Pastors Les & Grace Farley
Pastor Sam Flynn	Pastor Matt Smith	Pastor Christopher Replogle
Pastor Aaron Rose	Pastor Dave Rentzel	Bishop Gregory Griffith
Pastor Clarence Sanderfer	Pastor Lucian Baker	Pastor Kevin Evans
Pastor John Campos	Pastor David Koehler	Pastor Christopher Thomas
Pastor Ed Colegrove	Pastor Dan Zediker	Pastor Matthew Merendino
Pastor Paul Lintern	Pastor Andrew Stensaas	Pastor Clyde Kerby
Pastor James Spencer	Pastor Paul Staton	Pastor William Cole
Pastor James Mitchell	Pastor Danny Akers	Pastor Rick Wiseman
Pastor Jerry O'Brien	Pastor Steven Conn	Pastor Paul Matthewson
Pastor Randy Raynes	Pastor Steve Burkhalter	Pastor Robert Caw
Pastor Tim Sheets	Pastor Jack Williams	Pastor Steve Brenneman
Pastor Ferlie Yates	Pastor Steve Baldridge	Pastor William Strader Jr.

Pastor Dan Rebon
Pastor Charles Burgess Jr.
Pastor Larry Whited
Pastor Chaz Boes
Pastor David Natale
Elder Henry Bradley

Pastor Rich Hurles
Pastor Art Kennard
Pastor David Mahon
Pastor Dave Guild
Pastor Joe Cameneti

Pastor Dan Barker
Pastor Tim Houston
Pastor Matt O’Harra
Pastor Nickolas Kelly
Pastor Floyd Allen

The listed clergy co-signers above are from 14 counties throughout the state. Counties with the most clergy represented include: Richland (66), Crawford (10), Ashland (6), Trumbull (6), Wayne (6), Knox (4), Morrow (4), Huron (2), Lucas (2), Stark (2), Licking (1), Lorain (1), Preble (1), & Warren (1).

References

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