

# Catholic Advocacy

# Network



Tennessee Catholic  
Public Policy Commission

There is strength in numbers.

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**1 in 3 legislators are newbies (including the Gov.)**

**There WILL BE a learning curve.**



**Legislators need to hear from you...**

**NOW, MORE THAN EVER.**

**We'll help you with that.**

**Legislators will spend the first couple of weeks** dealing with committee appointments, office assignments, and establishing rules on bill sponsorship.

**On January 8, TN Legislators begin filing their bills...**and that's when TN Catholic Public Policy Commission (TNCPPC) kicks it in gear:

**TNCPPC Committees and Bishops will already be reviewing AND tracking bills** that impact social justice issues and the common good of all TN citizens—especially the vulnerable.

TNCPPC will be meeting with the new Legislators to present the Church's position on these bills.

TNCPPC will continue to inform you about critical legislation and equip you with easy-to-use messaging tools to FIND and REACH your representative.



## UPDATE on Critical Legislation

### Education

Up to now, legislation for **Better School Choices for Parents** has been held up in the TN House of Representatives. The Senate has passed this legislation multiple times. The House, however, not so much.

We have new Legislators in place. NOW would be a great time to reach out to your Representative and advocate for Better School Choices for Parents.

**Go ahead, PUSH their Button!**



### HealthCare

**Aches and Pains** | We must expand Medicaid.

Doing so will

- help cover 300,000 uninsured Tennesseans,
- lower health insurance premiums,
- provide greater access to addiction treatment centers,
- help sustain TN rural hospitals. **We have already lost 9:** Copper Basin Medical Center, Copperhill; Gibson General Hospital, Trenton; Haywood Park Community Hospital, Brownsville; Humboldt General Hospital; Parkridge West Hospital, Jasper; Starr Regional Medical Center, Etowah; McKenzie Regional Hospital; McNairy Regional Hospital, Selmer; and United Regional Medical Center, Manchester.

**Reach out to your Legislator today**—especially if they're new to Capitol Hill—  
and advocate for the expansion of Medicaid.

## **PUSH their Button again!**



## **What happens when citizens doze off?**

**THIS!** There's a push to eliminate the ban on preexisting conditions in healthcare coverage. Insurers would once again be able to charge sick patients higher premiums.

## **WAKEUP CALL: Click & Read**



**THIS** is the type of nightmare we can expect if we doze off during politics.

**“A good Catholic meddles in politics, offering the best of himself, so that those who govern can govern.” - Pope Francis**



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