






## 2010 Illinois Candidates for Governor

As Catholics, we are called to participate in public life and apply reason and conscience in deciding for whom to vote. *Faithful Citizenship*, released by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), can guide Catholics in applying moral principles to civic life. To assist Catholics in Illinois with understanding the positions of this year's candidates for Governor, we collected the following responses to questions posed during recent candidate interviews. The questions reference specific pieces of legislation. Read how the candidates elaborate on these and other topics, such as the state budget, the economy and job creation, by going to [www.catholicconferenceofillinois.org](http://www.catholicconferenceofillinois.org).



	<b>Sen. Bill Brady (Republican)</b>  <i>(Photo from: Brady for Illinois)</i>	<b>Scott Lee Cohen (Independent)</b>  <i>(Photo from: Citizens for Scott Lee Cohen)</i>	<b>Lex Green (Libertarian)</b>  <i>(Photo from: Lex Green)</i>	<b>Gov. Pat Quinn (Democrat)</b> 	<b>Rich Whitney (Green)</b>  <i>(Photo from: Whitney for Governor)</i>
<b>Ultrasound Opportunity Act (HB 5743/SB 1338)</b> Mandates abortion facilities offer women seeking an abortion an opportunity to view an ultrasound of their unborn baby	<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>OPPOSE</b>	<b>NO RESPONSE</b>	<b>OPPOSE</b>
<b>Tuition Vouchers (SB 2494)</b> Offers tuition vouchers to parents of students in underperforming and overcrowded public schools	<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>NO RESPONSE</b>	<b>OPPOSE</b>
<b>Abolition of the Death Penalty (HB 5687/SB 3569)</b> Replaces the death penalty with sentences of natural life without parole	<b>OPPOSE</b>	<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>OPPOSE</b>	<b>NO RESPONSE</b>	<b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>Civil Unions (SB 1716)</b> Grants the benefits of marriage to same-sex couples	<b>OPPOSE</b>	<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>NO RESPONSE</b>	<b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>Immigration</b> Implementation of a law in Illinois similar to Arizona's SB 1070	<b>DID NOT INDICATE</b>	<b>OPPOSE</b>	<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>NO RESPONSE</b>	<b>OPPOSE</b>