

FAITH, FAMILY, AND PENNSYLVANIA VALUES

AN AGENDA TO STRENGTHEN THE
FABRIC OF OUR COMMUNITIES



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Paul Mango, Republican Candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania

“For My God will make it a seed of a nation, a holy experiment, for the nations want a precedent, that we would do the thing that is truly wise and just.” –William Penn

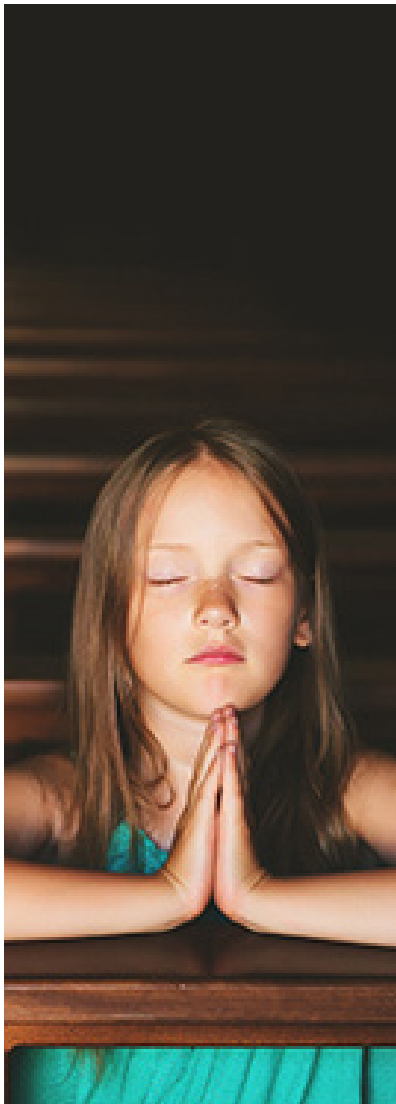
These words, inscribed in our Capitol, ring true 350 years after they first formed the foundation for our Commonwealth, and later the United States Constitution. William Penn believed “liberty of conscience”, or religious tolerance and freedom, would bring about stronger government and a wealthier society, and he was correct. Long before the Declaration of Independence, Penn’s idea of governance was based on certain inalienable rights, including the dignity of human life and the liberty of religious conscience. Above all, Penn believed the greatest of the laws is the law of love—the love of God and the love of mankind—the anchor ordained by God preventing us from descending into moral chaos and a lack of civility towards our fellow man. Penn believed a moral society draws upon the inner light of God’s grace bringing fruits of wisdom and justice into a community whose members inherently care for one another. As important, a moral society is the basis for a self-governing one. The degree to which a people subscribes to a common set of shared values will have an inverse relationship on the extent to which a governing body must intervene to protect the rights of others. In other words, a strong set of common values, adhered to by the members of a society, act as a substitute for government intervention. Among our values, the sacrament of marriage is the basis on which the family, the bedrock of our society, is rooted. Penn’s belief in religious liberty inspired our founders and the values of religious liberty and freedom contained in the United States Constitution.



As a husband, father, and leader, I have prioritized three sets of values: faith, family, and service to others.

FAITH:

I was raised in the tenets of the Catholic Church serving as an altar boy early in life. Those tenets—a belief in the inherent goodness in all God’s children, the sanctity of all human life, and the individual responsibility to look after one’s neighbor would be core beliefs guiding my policy decisions.



FAMILY:

The greatest blessing in my life has been my family. My grandfather immigrated to Pennsylvania from Italy and passed his strong values of family and hard work to my parents who passed them to my four siblings and me by their example. Together with Dawn, my wife of 35 years, we have reared five daughters, each of whom is independent and pursuing the path of her own choosing. They are my greatest source of fulfillment.

Paul and Dawn have been married 35 years, and have five daughters.



SERVICE TO OTHERS:

Public service is just that—service to others. Dawn and I have both been blessed to have had the opportunity to serve our country in uniform, as has our daughter Hope, who is currently on active duty military service in South Korea. All three of us attended West Point. Dawn and I served our Country here in the United States and overseas. We have also been very active participants in charities and charitable giving supporting our Veterans, the development of the next generation of young military officers, and first responders in our local community.

Paul Mango's 1981 Graduation from West Point



“At some level, all Pennsylvanians—indeed all Americans—know the source of our problems: our leaders have betrayed the principles that lie at the foundation of our constitutional republic and our civilization. The professional politicians of both major parties, lacking the courage to stand up for what’s right, do whatever is politically expedient. We can no longer afford their cowardice. The price we, and our children, and our grandchildren, are paying for it is too high. That’s why I’m thrilled to see that Paul Mango, a person of conviction and integrity, is running for Governor of the Keystone State. He is boldly standing up for the sanctity of human life, the marriage-based family, and religious freedom and the rights of conscience. As someone living across the state line in New Jersey, I envy my friends in Pennsylvania the opportunity to cast a vote for such an individual.

– Professor Robert P. George,
Founder of the American Principles Project



PROMOTING THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

I believe human life begins at conception and should be protected

- Prioritize Pennsylvania Departments of Health and Human Services funding for women's health to those organizations providing the broadest scope of services, broadest geographic coverage, but do not deliver taxpayer funding to those organizations performing abortions
- Ensure Pennsylvania health care waiver requests allow for religious exceptions to any requirements covering contraceptives or abortions
- Veto any bill or budget funding abortion or funding any organization performing abortions including Planned Parenthood
- Call on the Legislature to pass SB3; legislation limiting elective abortions to less than 20 weeks of gestation in Pennsylvania and banning the practice of "dismemberment abortions"
- Ensure the Department of Health aggressively enforces Act 122, establishing abortion clinics as outpatient surgical centers, to help prevent horrors like the Kermit Gosnell clinic from ever happening again in the Commonwealth
- Call for a resolution supporting the federal repeal of Clinton-era Title X regulations allowing fungible Planned Parenthood funding to be used for abortions

PROTECTING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Protecting religious liberty is a founding principle of our Commonwealth and America

- Support funding within Pennsylvania Departments of Health and Human Services to encourage public/private partnerships with state and local communities, not-for-profit organizations, Veterans Service Organizations, and faith-based organizations. These are the organizations often best positioned to serve their communities
- Veto any "bathroom bill" legislation violating presumed privacy for bathrooms and public facilities based on the idea that gender is a matter of personal choice

ENSURING FAMILY-SAFE COMMUNITIES, SCHOOLS, AND NEIGHBORHOODS

All Pennsylvanians should feel safe in their community, be able to raise their families in a drug-free environment, and be treated equally

- Prohibit "sanctuary" counties, townships, and municipalities from being considered for victim assistance grant funding from the Commonwealth. Sanctuary cities afford criminal illegal aliens protection from the law that legal Pennsylvania citizens are not afforded
- Declare a statewide emergency on the opioid epidemic currently killing 100 Pennsylvanians per week, limit excessive painkiller prescriptions, eliminate the bureaucracy inhibiting local solutions to this problem, and strengthen sentences for drug dealers who kill our children

ENSURING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY AND CHOICE

Every child should have access to a quality education and shouldn't be trapped in a failing school

- Call on the Legislature to pass legislation encouraging further innovation and choice, including but not limited to charter school development, at the local level to provide parents with more options for their children
- Call on the Legislature to pass Educational Savings Account legislation to enable school choice by allowing education dollars to travel with students to the educational options deemed best by parents for their children
- Order the Department of Education to provide much greater transparency into the performance of all educational choices such that parents can easily evaluate their options

"I welcome having at least one candidate in the race for Governor who hasn't succumbed to the pressures of the popular culture and is ready to stand up for the families of Pennsylvania."

– Former Pennsylvania Senator and
Presidential Candidate Rick Santorum



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