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INDIANA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE CELEBRATES 50 YEARS (1967-2017)

The 2017 General Assembly convened on January 3rd. And by law must end no later than April 29. In addition to the biennial state budget, this year's major topics will include road and infrastructure financing, response to opioid and drug addiction, expanding preschool access for low income families and school funding. As always, ICC priorities will focus on human dignity and the common good. Topics that we have seen thus far include elimination of death penalty for person with serious mental illness, payday lending, improving social safety net such as SNAP. And there will be numerous others.

In part due the inaugurations both in Indiana and in Washington D.C, and because the long session has so many bills drafted, the session is off to a slow beginning. Committees will not have all bills until mid-January. Thus far, we have seen about 250 bills introduced, and we expect to see approximately 1200 more in the next two weeks. Not all bills will get hearings and not all bills are of significance to ICC; but ICC will follow those important to the Church and will report the status each week via the I-CAN Update that will be emailed to you each week.

The Catholic Church is well represented with 34 of the 150 House and Senate members. 14 of the 50 Senate members are Roman Catholics, 3 Democrat and 11 Republican; in the House 20 of the 100 members are Catholic, 9 D and 11 R.

In the meantime, check out the Indiana Catholic Conference's 50th Anniversary videos [here](#).

And our series of three 50th Anniversary articles:

- **ICC Celebrates 50 Years as Public Policy Voice of the Church in Indiana**
This is the first in a series of articles reflecting on ICC's 50 years as the public policy voice of the Catholic Church in Indiana [More...](#)
- **ICC planted seeds for school choice, and continues fight for issues of life**
This is the second in a series of articles reflecting on ICC's 50 years as the public policy voice of the Catholic Church in Indiana [More...](#)
- **Thompson takes pride in ICC's work to aid the poor, vulnerable**
This is the third in a series of articles reflecting on ICC's 50 years as the public policy voice of the Catholic Church in Indiana [More...](#)

In addition to the Update, you can obtain more detailed information regarding the bills, as well as detailed information about the legislative process and the Indiana General Assembly by clicking [here](#). You can also access the archived I-CAN Updates, ICC positions and other background information at the ICC website www.indianacc.org