

Pastor's Column

Are You a Registered Voter? Will You Vote?

Our Parish Social Justice Committee in conjunction with the Diocese of San Diego and the San Diego Organizing Project (SDOP) will, in the next few weeks, be on the plaza to assist people in becoming registered voters.

If you are not registered, or if you have moved, and you need to change your address, or if you will turn 18 by November 6, 2012, we make it easy for you to register and make sure that you are eligible to vote in the November elections.

As Catholics, it is part of our religious responsibilities to be active members of our society by voting in the various elections that take place on the city, state, and national levels.

Responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation.

—Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship,
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

By our baptism, Catholics are committed to following Jesus Christ and to be 'salt for the earth, light for the nations.' As the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us, "it is necessary that all participate, according to his position and role, in promoting the common good. This is inherent in the dignity of the human person... As far as possible citizens should take an active part in public life." (nos. 1913-1915)

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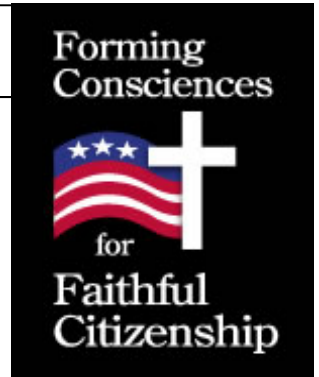
As Catholics we do not support specific candidates, but we can, following the lead of the Magisterium, take positions on specific propositions which are a part of the ballot.

In weeks to come, we will hear about the propositions which are being supported by the California Conference of Catholic Bishops. These propositions will be on the ballot in November.

Ultimately, each vote by a Catholic is a vote that is determined by one's conscience, but it must be a well-informed conscience! More about this in weeks to come as well.

In the meantime, please make sure that you are registered to vote, and begin to prepare yourself for your vote in November!

My thanks to the Social Justice Committee of the Parish who is taking on this endeavor to make sure that as many Parishioners as possible are registered to vote.



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