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To: Pastors, Parochial Vicars, Administrators, Deacons and Parish Staff
From: John Watkins
Re: **Catholics Care. Catholics Vote. Participate in political life.**
Date: September 18, 2020

“In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation. As Catholics, we should be guided more by our moral convictions than by our attachment to a political party or interest group.” – Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the California Catholic Conference have put together several announcements and bulletin inserts to help Catholics reflect on their duties as faithful citizens. *Use this announcement listed below any time, but especially on the weekend of October 1-2, along with the homily suggestions, voter guide and **bulletin inserts** that can be found by visiting www.scd.org/faithful-citizenship.*

Please note that the Parish Policy on Distribution of Campaign Materials: *During this election season, the Diocese of Sacramento will be utilizing materials from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the California Catholic Conference. Distribution of other election-related materials on church property will not be permitted. Among other activities, posting flyers or signs, passing out campaign literature, and leaving unauthorized materials anywhere in the building or on car windshields, are prohibited. We appreciate your compliance with this policy.*

Announcement

Catholics Care. Catholics Vote. Participate in political life.

In their statement on *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the U.S. Catholic bishops remind Catholics about the call to participate in political life. "In the Catholic tradition," they write, "responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation" (no. 13). Visit www.faithfulcitizenship.org today to read the statement, watch guidelines and resources.

Other parish resources can be found by visiting www.scd.org/faithful-citizenship.

Los Catolicos se interesan. Los Catolicos Votan. Participa en la politica.

En su declaración sobre Formando la Conciencia para ser Ciudadanos Fieles, los obispos católicos de los EE.UU. les recuerdan a los católicos acerca de la llamada a participar en la vida política. "En la tradición Católica", escriben, "ciudadanía responsable es una virtud y la participación en la vida política es una obligación moral" (n. 13). Visita la pagina www.faithfulcitizenship.org hoy para leer la declaración, ver vídeos, y acceder a otros buenos recursos.

Otros recursos parroquiales se pueden encontrar visitando: www.scd.org/faithful-citizenship