

UNITED STATES ELECTION DAY – NOVEMBER 3RD

NONPARTISAN NATIONAL GET OUT AND VOTE PROGRAM

As Catholics and citizens, members of the Knights of Columbus should vote and should encourage members of their families, parishes, and communities to vote. Members are not permitted to engage in partisan political activity in the name of the Knights of Columbus. Partisan political activity is defined as action directed toward success or failure of a political party, candidate for political office, or political group. The tiles below contain links to nonpartisan websites maintained by the National Association of Secretaries of State and the U.S. Election Assistance Commission.*

ENSURE THE FUTURE, REGISTER TO VOTE, VOTE!

[Official KofC Link for Voting Info](#)

State Office

Fri, Sep
18, 2020

Worthy Brothers,

In less than two months election day will be here, and we will all fulfill our duty as Americans to cast a vote that will define the future of our communities and nation.

We all know that we can bring no partisan politics into our chambers, but nevertheless we have a responsibility to follow our moral convictions as private citizens. You must educate yourself as to the decisions that will face you. Find the true values that candidates hold themselves to and the exact meaning behind ballots that must be voted on. Your vote carries with it a great obligation to weight the fundamental moral truths of the choices you will make.

As a catholic voter we should always view our political choices with an eye on whether they follow the precepts of our faith and then vote accordingly.

Please see the information below from the USCCB.

Taken from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Document of "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship"

41. Catholic voters should use the framework of Catholic social teaching to examine candidates' positions on issues affecting human life and dignity as well as issues of justice and peace, and they should consider candidates' integrity, philosophy, and performance. It is important for all citizens "to see beyond party politics, to analyze campaign rhetoric critically, and to choose their political leaders according to principle, not party affiliation or mere self-interest" (Living the Gospel of Life, no. 33) political activity.

Yours in service,

Brother Greg Marracq

State Advocate, 2020-2021

California State Council

Excerpt published in the Modesto Bee this past week:

WARNING ON SINFUL VOTING

For a Catholic to vote for a candidate in any office that supports abortion, euthanasia, embryonic stem cell research, gay marriage, the practice of homosexuality, and human cloning sins seriously. Catholics must vote with an informed conscience according to Catholic teaching. To vote contrary to this implies consent. Abortion and these other acts are intrinsically evil acts. By their nature they are evil. They can never be supported, and they would supersede all other issues.

If all candidates support the above issues, then the Catholic would have to vote for the person who most supports Catholic teaching in their stand on the issues. In other words they may support certain aspects of the issue that are consistent with Catholic teaching. If a candidate does follow Catholic teaching and would definitely not have enough support to be elected then the Catholic would be allowed to go to those who would be electable and vote for the candidate that most follows Catholic teaching.

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