



Catholic Teaching

How a candidate stands with respect to the non-negotiables
(*protect human life, uphold the sanctity of marriage between a man and a woman, preserve religious liberty*) determines his/her worthiness to hold office.

- What if all the candidates are unappealing?
- Choose the one who is in most support of the non-negotiables.
- We are not voting to canonize these candidates, but to give them temporary power to **DO THE WILL OF GOD.**

Resources

- Sacred Scripture
- Sacred Tradition
- Catechism of the Catholic Church
- Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*
- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*
- Bishop Donald Hying, *Love Never Fails: Living the Catholic Faith in Our Daily Lives*
- Bishop Thomas Paprocki
- Bishop Robert Finn, Bishop Daniel Jenky
- St. Ignatius of Loyola, *The Two Standards*
- Catholic Answers, *Voter's Guide for Serious Catholics*
- United States Constitution

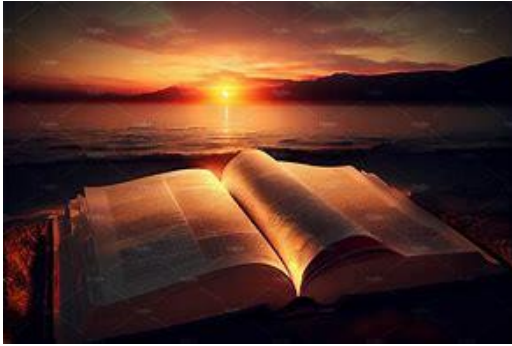
To learn more,
watch the excellent video by
Fr. Chris Alar, MIC:

www.divinemercyplus.org/videos/voting



www.usccb.org

CATHOLIC TEACHING SERIES



Conscience

- Conscience only works when we inform it, when we learn the moral truth.
- The Church helps us to do that through the Magisterium . . . giving us the Catechism, which tells us what the moral issues are and why they are, based on Scripture.
- Your conscience is the voice of truth, not your feelings – it is the activity of your intellect judging actions as right or wrong. Feelings and opinions need to be governed by conscience in order to be in harmony with the truth.

Catechism of the Catholic Church #1798

Everyone must avail himself of the means to correctly form his conscience.

Catechism of the Catholic Church #2240

Submission to authority and co-responsibility for the common good make it morally obligatory to pay taxes, to defend one's own country, and exercise the right to vote.



- Pay taxes
- Defend one's country
- Exercise the right to vote

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The 3 Non-Negotiables

- Sanctity of life
- Sanctity of marriage between a man and a woman
- Religious freedom

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There are many important issues to be considered when voting.

The 3 above are non-negotiable.
All the rest are negotiable.

