



Election Day Tuesday, November 4, 2014

What does the Catholic Church teach about voting? Catholics have a moral obligation to promote the common good through the exercise of their voting privileges (CCC240). It is not only civil authorities who have responsibility for a country. "Service of the common good requires citizens to fulfill their roles in the life of the political community" (CCC2239). This means citizens should participate in the political process at the ballot box.

The 5 Non-Negotiable Issues: These 5 issues concern actions that are intrinsically evil & must never be promoted by the law
1) Abortion 2) Euthanasia 3) Embryonic Stem Cell Research 4) Human Cloning 5) Homosexual "Marriage"

Please refer to **Voter's Guide for Serious Catholics** at catholic.com

Prayer For Our Nation

O God Our Creator,
from your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.

We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome - for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us - this great land will always be "one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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"The cause of America is in a great measure the cause of all mankind. Where, say some, is the king of America? I'll tell you, friend, He reigns above."
- **Thomas Paine, 1776, Common Sense**

"Without God, there is no virtue because there is no prompting of the conscience... without God, there is a coarsening of the society; without God, democracy will not and cannot long endure."
- **Ronald Reagan**

"I have lived, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth -- that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid?"
- **Benjamin Franklin, July 28, 1787, Address at the Constitutional Convention**

Election of Godly Leaders

Father, I desire to vote intelligently in all elections. I pray that You will bring to light the things I need to know so I may note in line with Your plan, will and purpose. May things not only come to light for the Christian community, but may things be made clear to the unbelieving community as well. I pray that what is right would be so clear that even unbelievers would vote using wisdom and demanding honesty and uprightness from their politicians.

Dear Father, in the name of Jesus, may the citizens of our nation become so weary of sin and degradation in our nation's leaders that they will begin to seek out godly leaders to represent them on every level of government. Give such leaders favor with the public and the media. Father, make our nation a fragrance in the earth, a force to be reckoned with, a hand extended to those in need.

Amen.

Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Catholic Church Spiritual Adoption Program 2014

In the January, 2014 Life Notes, we invited all parishioners to join as one voice in prayer in the Spiritual Adoption Program. (See brochures in Pro-Life information rack.) The following prayer was recommended by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen to be said every day for a period of one year to spare the life of a baby in danger of abortion:

*"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much.
I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted,
who is in danger of abortion."*

Sunday, October 5, 2014 - Hello Holy Rosary! I am your spiritually adopted baby and I have arrived!!! I came into the world on Thursday, September 18 at 7 a.m. I weighed 8 lbs 7 oz and was 20 inches long. I am so happy. My mommy and daddy are happy, too. I love them. I love all of you, too, for all of the prayers you said for us so I could have life. Oh, I am a little girl and I have a beautiful name - Rosa Stevens!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sept 24 - Nov 2 - National 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign (visit 40daysforlife.com to learn more)
- Oct 10 - Indianapolis 40 Days for Life Mid-Point Rally (visit 40daysindy.org to learn more)
- Oct 18 - Indianapolis 40 Days for Life Rally for Family & Youth (visit 40daysindy.org to learn more)

Resources & Information

- Novena to the Mother of God for the Nation - (religiousliberties.org/novena/)
- Our Lady of America - (ourladyofamerica.org)
- USCCB Religious Liberty Resources - (usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/index.cfm)
- USCCB Faithful Citizenship Resources - (usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/index.cfm)

Father, we know that the spirit of the world creeps into the body of Christ almost unawares sometimes, and before we know it, we can so easily be led astray and caught up in worldly actions (at times so subtly we don't even recognize what has happened to us). So in the name of Jesus, we pray that You would raise up a voice in our nation that would rally the body of Christ and cause us to become the standard bearers to such a degree that we would profoundly affect the morality of our nation. Amen.

"Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of Patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of Man and citizens. The mere Politician, equally with the pious man, ought to respect and to cherish them. A volume could not trace all their connections with private and public felicity...

Let it simply be asked where is the security for property, for reputation, for life, if the sense of religious obligation desert the oaths, which are the instruments of investigation in Courts of Justice?"

***- George Washington, first president of the United States
Sep. 19, 1796, Farewell Address, Philadelphia's American Daily Advisor***

Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us.

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