



Pastor's Message

November 1, 2020

You and I know the upcoming general election will be unlike any others we have ever experienced. Our great nation is facing so many serious trials during the year 2020. And, each of the serious trials has become more complicated to address because the ominous presence of the COVID-19 virus still remains with us.

Certainly, in this midst of all the hardship we face as citizens of this nation, it not my place to add to the pain by telling you how must vote in the upcoming general election. We have the freedom to vote as we please. However, I would be absolutely remiss in fulfilling my significant responsibility as your pastor, if I did not share the following information for your personal and private reflection, prior to completing your ballot on November 3rd.

As your pastor, my sharing is not an explicit endorsement of either anyone or any question noted on the election ballot. I am neither permitted to do such a thing, nor would I ever do so, if I had the permission. Rather, I share the following information as an important reminder to you, a good member of Roman Catholic Church.

Actually, it is not at all complicated. It is about truth. The truth as it was taught by Jesus Christ our Lord, which was given to His Apostles and disciples, then bestowed upon us as members of our Church. What is the truth?

This is the truth. First and foremost, you and I are a Roman Catholic Christian when it is time to complete our election ballot. We are not, first and foremost Republican, Democrat Independent or any other political affiliation. The most serious matter to God is not how well you fulfilled your responsibility on November 3rd as a member of a political party. It is how well you fulfilled your responsibility on November 3rd as a Roman Catholic Christian.

Therefore, as a Roman Catholic Christian voting during this election year, you and I must discern carefully how each candidate regards what Pope Benedict XVI stated are the “non-negotiable values” taught and held by our Church. By far, the three most important ones are the sanctity of life from conception to natural death; the sacredness of marriage between a man and a woman; and the preservation of religious liberty for all people. Understandably, there are other values which we must seriously consider and determine how each candidate regards them, before completing our ballot. But, those three are uncompromising for us as members of the Church. Anyone who does not regard them as such is in discord with the values taught by the Church in which you are a proud and practicing member.

Indeed, the 2020 general election will be unlike any others we have ever experienced. As our great, nation continues to move into the future, may our decisions as voters not compound the said serious trials by our decision on November 3rd. Instead, let us do our part to ease then by remaining in accord with what we practice and believe as members of the Roman Catholic Church.

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