

VOTER REGISTRATION AND MOBILIZATION

GUIDELINES FOR PARISHES

Catholic locations are encouraged to organize nonpartisan voter registration and voter mobilization drives. These efforts, however, must not appear in any way to support or oppose a particular political party or a particular candidate. Political activity is encouraged but it is not proper for a parish, school, or any other archdiocesan location to become partisan.

Locations can promote civic participation by:

- Encourage the faithful to register to vote
- Instructing the faithful on how to apply for vote-by-mail ballots
- Reminding and assisting the faithful to go to the polls on Election Day

Voter registration and mobilization drives should have the prior authorization of the person in charge. Organizers are encouraged to work closely with the person in charge to determine where and when representatives will be registering voters on archdiocesan property or at off-site locations at grocery stores, shopping malls, etc. The person in charge should confirm that coordinators of voter registration and mobilization drives are clear about the guidelines for church involvement in political activity.



Adapted from the ADLA Handbook Guidelines for Lobbying and Electioneering

<http://handbook.la-archdiocese.org/chapter7/section-7-2/topic-7-2-9>

http://www.usccb.org/about/general-counsel/political-activity-guidelines.cfm#voter_registration