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## Election Day and Christian Responsibility

The elections of 2008 are a critical juncture for the future and direction of our nation.

This year voters will either defend the Culture of Life, or advance the culture of death. As Christians, we have a clear and moral obligation to register to vote and to carefully consider the candidates' position on the sanctity of LIFE when we cast our vote.

Christians are called to vote with a PROPERLY FORMED CONSCIENCE. This can be explained with one sentence from our LORD, which applies, even inside the voting booth, **“Whatever you do to the least of these my brethren, you do to Me”** (Mt.25:40). Internalize the following from Pope John Paul II, “Abortion and euthanasia are crimes, which no human law can claim to legitimize. In the case of an intrinsically unjust law, such as a law permitting abortion or euthanasia, it is therefore *never licit to obey it, or to ‘take part in a propaganda campaign in favor of such a law, or vote for it’*” (Gospel of Life, No. 73).

**What about the other issues?** The US Bishops, in *Faithful Citizenship* bluntly say, “Calls to advance human rights are an illusion if the right to life itself is subject to attack.” A powerful consideration from Fr. Frank Pavone, **“If a candidate can't respect the life of a little baby, how is he supposed to respect ours?”** From *A Brief Catechism for Catholic Voters*: “A disqualifying issue is one which is of such gravity and importance that it allows for no political maneuvering. It is an issue that strikes at the heart of the human person and is non-negotiable. A disqualifying issue is one of such enormity that by itself renders a candidate for office unacceptable regardless of his position on other matters.” FIVE such disqualifying issues are Abortion, Euthanasia, Fetal Stem Cell Research, Human Cloning, and homosexual “Marriage”.

Participation in the political process is a virtue, and every vote counts. Christians have every right to strive by legitimate means to shape public policy according to their moral convictions. We are each, individually, called to help build a Culture of Life—voting in defense of LIFE is among the most important ways.

Children waiting to be born cannot speak for themselves—we are their voice. We must speak up in their defense at the voting booth. If we do not, millions more will never be allowed to speak.



This map has 18 states blacked out. The population of these states is equal to the number of reported “legal” surgical abortions since 1973. Perhaps this visual perspective helps one to grasp the number 49,000,000—that’s **FORTY NINE MILLION PEOPLE** who are gone, dead—robbed of their God given and Constitutional right to LIFE.

**Help end this tragedy. Learn the candidates' positions on the issues. Then promote registering and VOTING PRO-LIFE.**

“The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.” Edmund Burke 1770

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