



VOTER EDUCATION RESOURCES

On November 3, Virginia voters will make their choices for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and House of Delegates seats. As Catholics, our baptismal responsibility to love God and neighbor includes participation in the political process in light of Gospel values and the Church's moral and social teaching.

To assist parishioners in the Dioceses of Arlington and Richmond as they gather information and form their consciences before voting, the Virginia Catholic Conference's website (www.vacatholic.org) contains a comprehensive "Pre-Election Resources" section. Links in this section include a five-part series on Catholic social teaching and current state issues (*Faithful Citizenship in Virginia: Issues for the 2009 Elections*); responses to a questionnaire sent to all candidates for statewide office and for contested House of Delegates seats; and a pre-election letter issued by Bishops DiLorenzo and Loverde (*Participating Faithfully in the Political Process: A Letter from the Catholic Bishops of Virginia to the Faithful of Their Dioceses*).

Please visit www.vacatholic.org to review and reflect prayerfully on these materials before voting in the November 3 elections. This website also includes a sign-up feature enabling you to receive advocacy alerts from the Virginia Catholic Conference when legislation is considered. Please join!

*"In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue,
and participation in political life is a moral obligation.
This obligation is rooted in our baptismal commitment
to follow Christ and to bear Christian witness in all we do."*

*- Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship
U.S. Catholic Bishops (November 2007)*