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Social Justice Committee, Holy Cross Parish, Mt. Airy, March 24, 2024

### Exercise Your Right to Vote

“Protecting voting rights is a moral imperative for the common good of a just society. The human right to vote flows from the inherent dignity of each citizen.” U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ letter to Congress, June 24, 2021

“True statecraft is manifest when, in difficult times, we uphold high principles and think of the long-term common good.” – Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* #178

#### Consider the issues that affect you!

Take a minute to think about the issues that matter most to you. Are you frustrated by education funding? Want more resources dedicated to environmental protection? Many day-to-day issues are under the control of local government. People are much more likely to turn out to vote when they are motivated by issues that affect them! (Committee of Seventy, 3/6/24)

NETWORK's Grassroots Mobilization Team presents [a sacred checklist of issues and concerns](#) for your consideration. (NETWORK is an organization of advocates for justice, inspired by Catholic sisters.)

For both the Primary and General Election, voters across Pennsylvania will be able to use the nonpartisan Committee of Seventy's (C70's) **Interactive Voter Guide** at [ballot.seventy.org](http://ballot.seventy.org), to see what their actual ballot looks like. When it goes live in mid-late March, it will contain full bios of candidates, campaign links, and their responses to C70's candidate questionnaire.

#### Important Deadlines: Pennsylvania

PA deadline to register to vote: **April 8, 2024**

PA deadline to request a mail-in ballot: **April 16, 2024**

PA Primary Election Day: **April 23, 2024**

PA mail-in ballots must be received by 8pm on Election Day; postmarks will not be honored.

#### Check your voter registration status!

If you aren't a voter — or if you haven't voted since 2020 — your next step is simple: [Check your registration status](#) and make a plan to vote in the upcoming primary. You can find out where your polling place is and plan your ballot ahead of time at [seventy.org](http://seventy.org). You can also [request a mail-in ballot](#) if you're worried you won't make it to the polls on Election Day or if you like the idea of voting from your kitchen table. (C70, 3/15/24)

“A citizen, either as an individual or in association with others, whether directly or through representation, contributes to the cultural, economic, political, and social life of the civil community to which he belongs. **Participation is a duty to be fulfilled consciously by all, with responsibility and with a view to the common good.**” (Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Catholic Church, 189)

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