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We Vote: No Election is Inconsequential to the Common Good



Election Day is just one month away on November 8! Are you ready to vote?

Double check your registration status. Don't let your voices be silenced in this year's high-stakes midterm elections! Our democracy works best when every one of us can participate in it. [Check your voter registration status.](#) (Common Cause)

If you prefer to vote by mail, the deadline to request a mail-in ballot is Tuesday, November 1st, but don't wait till then. **Any registered voter in Pennsylvania may apply for a mail-in ballot.** You may request this ballot without a reason. [Learn more](#) about mail in voting and [apply online](#). For more info about voter registration, mail-in ballots and other important voting procedures, visit [Vote.PA.Gov](#).

“As people of faith and conscience across the country, we believe elections are a referendum on the values that will shape our future. How can we renew our fragile democracy? How do we honor the human dignity of every person? Will we protect God's Creation, our Sacred Earth, and our children's future? **What policies will prioritize the common good and confront future crises that remind us of our interdependence?**”

Many of the defining moral issues of our time are on the ballot: faltering democratic institutions, too much wealth in the hands of a few, damage to the climate, cruel immigration policies that tear families apart, mass incarceration that devastates communities of color, senseless gun violence, and threats to global public health and security. These challenges are daunting. We must move forward in a spirit of hope, and we must resist despair and cynicism.

Using our voices to fulfill our civic duty and vote in every election makes a difference in our communities – and our world. Your vote is how you can speak up for our common home and our neighbors. **Voting is how we create a society based on our shared values.**

[This reflection guide](#) is intended to spur discussion and discernment. Whether you use it at a kitchen table, in a house of worship, at a community forum, or at an event with political candidates, we hope it helps you navigate the urgent moral questions raised by this election.” (Interfaith Power & Light Faithful Voter Reflection Guide)

~ Important Deadlines ~

October 24: Voter registration deadline

November 1: Mail-in ballot request deadline at 5pm

November 8: Mail-in ballot receipt deadline at 8pm (postmarks don't matter!)

November 8: Election Day

“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