

What is meant by “Faithful Citizenship?”

The Catholic bishops of the United States have produced a teaching document on the political responsibility of Catholics. The statement was originally written in 2007, and it has been updated several times. The document provides guidance in the exercise of our rights and duties as participants in our democracy. Participation in the political process is considered a moral obligation. We are called to become informed, active, and responsible participants in the political process. We are urged to contribute to civil and respectful public dialogue and to shape political choices in elections in light of Catholic teaching. The objective is not to tell us how to vote, rather, it is a call to participate.

The web site “Forming Consciences For Faithful Citizenship” includes a 32 minute video and a variety of resources and guidelines for advocacy and participation in the political process. To access the site, click here: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/index.cfm>