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“No matter who occupies the White House or holds the majority on Capitol Hill, the Church’s teachings remain unchanged, and we bishops look forward to working with the people’s elected representatives to advance the **common good of all** (my italics),” said Archbishop Broglio. “As Christians and as Americans, we have the duty to treat each other with charity, respect and civility, even if we may disagree on how to carry out matters of public policy.” (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Response to Election 2024)

Common Good

We chose the theme of “the common good” this year, to remind ourselves of what we are called to be and do as committed Catholic Christians regardless of which political party occupies the White House. The challenge continues to find ways to lift every human life which we believe is made in the “image of God,” especially when the dignity of that life may be attacked or threatened. Perhaps we can join an organization that resonates with our beliefs concerning the protection of life. Perhaps we can become committed to advocacy, speaking out for those who are voiceless in the face of injustice. Our Catholic faith calls us to be present, to step up and to challenge systems that seek to dehumanize and devalue any individual because he/she is considered less worthy.

Climate Change

“Climate change is not a partisan issue – it is a human and moral issue – it is a human and moral issue that requires the commitment of all people of goodwill across political lines to protect God’s creation and care for the future of our common home.” This is a quote from the last paragraph of: [A Joint Statement from Catholic Climate Covenant and Laudato Si Movement on Donald Trump’s Presidential Election Victory.](#)

Please read the statement here:

<https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Trump-statement.pdf?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=70057c71-15e8-41ea-b566-0661228abb36>

Haiti Update

Pope Francis Follows the Dramatic Situation in Haiti

Pope Francis is following the “dramatic situation in Haiti” where extreme gang violence “continues against the population, forced to flee from their own homes in search of safety elsewhere, inside and outside the country.” “I ask everyone to pray for an end to all forms of violence” in Haiti, Pope Francis said, and he has encouraged the international community “to continue working to build peace and reconciliation in Haiti, always defending the dignity and rights of all.”

Immigration

In the spirit of dispelling misinformation about the contribution of immigrants to the success of our country, I offer you this 12 minute Ted Talk by Krish O Mara Vignarajah who is the head of Global Refuge formerly called Lutheran Immigrant Refugee Service (LIRS). It is called “Our Superpower is Immigration.”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mnnwhQl4mEA>

Prayer after an Election by USCCB

God of all nations,
Father of the human family,
we give you thanks for the freedom we exercise
and the many blessings of democracy we enjoy
in these United States of America.

We ask for your protection and guidance
for all who devote themselves to the common good,
working for justice and peace at home and around the world.
We lift up all our duly elected leaders and public servants,
those who will serve us as president, as legislators and judges,
those in the military and law enforcement.

Heal us from our differences and unite us, O Lord,
with a common purpose, dedication, and commitment to achieve liberty and justice
in the years ahead for all people,
and especially those who are most vulnerable in our midst.
Amen.

Actions

1. Be critical listeners, readers and thinkers as you listen to or read the daily news.
2. Plan to respond to those issues which challenge your beliefs and/or values.
3. Act on your plan.
4. Pray the Prayer after an Election.