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“Together we are working on ways to promote faithful citizenship, through dialogue, deeper realization of who is our neighbor, and by placing faith before politics, a faith that inspires hope, respect and the pursuit of the common good.” Archbishop Paul Coakley, President of the USCCB.

Catholics in Communion

Families throughout our country continue to live under the threat of detention and deportation. Now, as election season approaches, there is a growing concern that fear, intimidation, and misinformation will keep people from safely participating in civic life. As Catholics, we do not respond first as partisans. We respond as people of faith. Our Church teaches that every person has a God-given dignity, that families and communities deserve protection, and that participation in public life is both a right and a responsibility. When fear is used to divide, discourage, or silence our neighbors, faithful witness becomes more urgent.

Catholics in Communion is planning its next steps as it addresses:

- Protecting participation in civic life
- Protecting migrant families and communities from detention and deportation
- Forming faithful leaders and local teams rooted in Catholic Social Teaching

Catholics in Communion sees this as a moment which calls us to respond with courage, clarity, and love.

Feast of St. Francis Program

Celebrate the Jubilee Year of Saint Francis with the Feast of St. Francis program: All of Creation Sings! Pope Leo XIV designated 2026 as a special Jubilee Year honoring St. Francis of Assisi on the 800th anniversary of the saint's entrance into heaven. The Jubilee Year invites all to embrace simplicity, peace, and spiritual renewal with concrete actions leading to transformation in ourselves and in our world.

Pre-register to receive the program in early August. You may use it in parish, school, or convent settings. <https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/programs/feast-of-st-francis/>

100 Days of Prayer, Advocacy and Fasting

LCWR is once again calling on its member congregations to participate in 100 Days of Prayer, Advocacy and Fasting beginning on July 26th and continuing to the midterm elections on November 3rd. It considers this one way many congregations make their public commitments visible during this important time in our country. Please be attentive to future information. Flyer: https://www.lcwr.org/files/attachments/july_26-november_3_flyer.pdf

See. Love. Vote.

Network, a Washington D.C. lobbying group of Catholic Sisters, is launching a non-partisan voter engagement and education campaign called: See. Love. Vote. This campaign's name is inspired by the "See, Judge, Act" principle that guides Catholic Social Teaching. "See, Judge, Act" calls us to look critically at what is happening around us, to reflect on this current reality in the light of one's faith and values, and to take steps toward positive change and social transformation. Inspired by "See, Judge, Act," this campaign is centered around three calls to action, "See. Love. Vote.," that will move us toward fuller civic education, connection, and engagement.

SEE — We will open eyes and move hearts through education and by highlighting what communities are experiencing around us today.

LOVE — Active love and engagement take hold in our hearts.

VOTE — We will express love for our neighbors by registering and showing up to vote

Haiti

The U.S. Senate is currently considering H.R. 1689, a bipartisan bill that would mandate a new Temporary Protected Status (TPS) designation for Haiti, protecting an estimated 300,000 to 350,000 Haitian nationals. The bill would extend these protections and work authorizations through April 2029. After passing the House in April 2026, the Senate companion legislation—led by Senators Edward J. Markey and Lisa Blunt Rochester—was officially introduced in June 2026. The House passed the legislation on April 16, 2026, after Rep. Ayanna Pressley successfully forced a floor vote using a bipartisan discharge petition. Senate Democratic leadership and 18 colleagues introduced the Senate companion bill to force momentum, though its path in the chamber remains a focus of ongoing advocacy. The White House has stated that President Donald J. Trump would veto the bill if it reaches his desk.

Prayer

Please pray with our Bishops: [A Prayer Before an Election](#)

<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/prayer-election>

Action

Call on the Senate to Protect Our Haitian Neighbors

<https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/138390/Respond>