

**Statement on the National Election by Rev. Bryan W. Jerabek, J.C.L.
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Another election is nearly upon us and once again, our Lord Jesus Christ is not on the ballot. We could try to write him in, but I'm not sure that that would really help. In any case, he is our King, and we serve him now, and we will serve him after a new president is elected also. We need to keep this in mind as we go to vote.

Voting is a moral act. When we enter the voting booth we will be there alone with our conscience in the sight of God. We must vote as Catholics. And although we Catholics are not single-issue voters, yet our Bishops have continuously reminded us that one issue is more important than all the rest: the protection of human life from conception until natural death – particularly at its most vulnerable stage, that of the unborn, who are threatened by the sin of abortion.

Some people may believe that they cannot in conscience vote for the president this year. But they should still go to the polls and at least vote down the ballot for the other offices that are to be filled. The ability to participate in and help shape our government is one of our freedoms and voting is our duty as citizens.

Let us keep these principles in mind, remembering that voting is a moral act and that we must vote as Catholics. May God have mercy on us and on our country, and help us to vote in a way that is pleasing to him. Amen.