

## Respect Life Bulletin Article for November 6, 2022

**Mid-Term Election** – A registered voter who hasn't voted yet should go to the nearest voting booth to cast his/her vote on the coming Mid-Term Election Day (11/08). It's the right and duty of a faithful citizen (see *Faithful Citizenship, Parts I & II* by USCCB). The candidate's party affiliation may not guarantee the candidate's ability and character. You need to learn about the policy, sincerity, passion, knowledge, health conditions, political skills, etc., of the candidates in the same pool and pick the one who is the most desirable, or, the least objectionable. Factors to consider, for instances: persons who can protect our freedoms —religious freedom, freedom of speech, and more— that we are so privileged to experience; who believe families should be grounded in faith and honor and respect their children and protect their innocence; and who would observe the laws of the land and carefully exercise authority to protect the rights of our citizens, the safety of their lives and properties, and not to harm human dignity. A concrete example: after the Supreme Court's ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, violence has erupted across the country: at least 73 crisis pregnancy centers have been vandalized and 86 churches attacked. A militant pro-abortion group "Jane's Revenge" has claimed responsibility for many of the attacks, often leaving their signature graffiti: "If abortion's not safe, then neither are you." Note: although the FBI claims to be investigating these incidents, no arrests have been made; but 12 pro-life activists have been arrested and charged with violating the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act. These events remind us the need to vote for people of integrity who can conscientiously avoid the appearance of playing politics and strive to apply the law equally to all people.

**Caring Healing within Marriage from an Abortion** – The devastation of abortion brings with it many challenges. The people who have participated in an abortion often are unaware of the countless ways it is affecting their lives. Consider the case of Susan (name changed to protect privacy), a married woman with children: when her husband, Juan, told her about the abortion he was involved in during college, she finally understood why he was so depressed and had trouble bonding with their children. Telling a spouse or fiancé about a past abortion requires courage, great trust in God and in that person's love. And God's grace can bring true healing to the relationships of those who trust in His infinite mercy. With the help of an abortion healing ministry, couples can successfully work through abortion-related challenges.

**Quote** – "Death is a decisive moment in the human person's encounter with God the Savior. Helping the Christian to experience this moment with spiritual assistance is a supreme act of charity. It encompasses the patient with the solid support of human relationships to accompany them and open them to hope. Palliative care and hospice are precious and crucial instruments in the care of patients with serious and complex chronic or terminal illnesses, and they help provide comfort to both the patients and their families." — USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, *The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice.*"

**Our Prayers** – \* For all Christians: May we look forward to the resurrection of the dead by preparing now, in hope, for our passage from this life into eternal life; *We pray to the Lord:* \* For the sick, suffering, and those near death: May they receive adequate care which embraces their physical, psychological, and spiritual needs as they journey toward eternal life; *We pray to the Lord:*

### **Reference Links:**

- *Faithful Citizenship, Part I* by USCCB: <https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/upload/The-Challenge-of-Forming-Consciences-for-Faithful-Citizenship-Part-1.pdf>;
- *Faithful Citizenship, Part II* by USCCB: (Replace "[Part-1](#)" with "[Part-2](#)" in Link 1);
- *Caring Healing within Marriage from an Abortion*: [respectlife.org/healing-in-marriage](https://respectlife.org/healing-in-marriage);
- *The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice*: <https://www.usccb.org/resources/witness-good-samaritan-palliative-care-and-hospice>.