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Official Communication: Nationwide Statement of Support for Bishops

To: All Priests and Deacons

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As you are aware, a growing number of United States bishops have made clear statements in recent weeks about faithful citizenship, and have echoed the teaching of the entire body of bishops that “the direct and intentional destruction of innocent human life from the moment of conception until natural death is always wrong and is **not just one issue among many**. It must always be opposed” (*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, November 2007*).

The various statements may be found at www.priestsforlife.org/magisteriumbishops.htm and can provide helpful material for homilies and bulletin inserts prior to Election Day.

Many of these bishops have been attacked in the media and by organizations that oppose the Church. This is the time for them to know of the support of the clergy nationwide!

We invite all priests and deacons, as co-workers with the bishops, to express their support and solidarity with the bishops by signing on to the statement found online at

www.priestsforlife.org/elections/politicalresponsibility.aspx

The form just takes 30 seconds to fill out.

Having tens of thousands of priests and deacons nationwide signing on to this statement will be a clear expression of the strength of the Church and an encouragement to the laity whom we all serve together. We will tell the media and the laity **how many** clergy have signed on; at the same time, we will keep your name confidential.

We encourage you, furthermore, to preach vigorously on these next two weekends about the need to vote pro-life. Please see www.PoliticalResponsibility.com for resources.