

Father, This Election Could Depend on You!

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My Brother Priests,

Before you preach this weekend, I invite you to take another look at www.PoliticalResponsibility.com, our election website, and especially at the links about what individuals and parishes can do for elections.

The outcome of the election may literally depend on you!

Think about it. In 2000, the Presidential race was decided by 537 votes in *one* state – That number is the size of many congregations *at a single mass!*

It's all about *turnout* now...and a vigorous reminder from you, or assistance from your parish to get people to the polls, can make a difference.

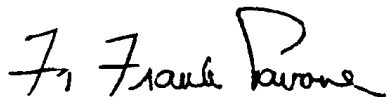
We invite you

- a) To have your people offer the Prayer for our National Elections at www.PrayerCampaign.org;
- b) To urge them to volunteer their time over the weekend and on Monday and Tuesday for the campaigns and candidates of their choice;
- c) To remind them that while we each have *one vote*, we can each influence *thousands of votes*.
- d) To invite them to our national teleseminar on the night of Wed. Nov. 5 to discuss the outcome. See www.PoliticalResponsibility.com for details and registration.

And Father, if you haven't already done so, I invite you to sign a statement of solidarity with our bishops, so many of whom have made powerful statements in recent weeks on political responsibility. At www.PoliticalResponsibility.com, you'll see the link right at the top, and it only takes a minute to fill out online.

Finally, many people will be distributing literature this weekend. They are trying to put into practice the call of the Church to be active, faithful citizens. Let's not discourage them, and let's not be overcome by fear of complaints. *Distribution of literature which is neither an expenditure nor activity of the Church has nothing to do* with the Church's standing as a tax-exempt entity under the Internal Revenue Code.

Let's win this election for the Culture of Life!



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