If you are a citizen of the United States, you have a responsibility to participate in the political process by voting. Millions of people around the world do not have the gift of self-government. We should strive to be good stewards of this gift.

As Christians, we have a responsibility to ensure that we elect people of good character who will work to promote good and oppose bad public policy. Voting affords an opportunity to bring truth to the public square: namely, respect for the dignity of all human life and the promotion of Judeo-Christian values.

We have no good reason not to vote in the upcoming primary election. Voting has never been as easy and convenient as it is now.

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