★ #CatholicsVote – VCC Voter Registration Challenge ★

Sept. 15 to Oct. 13, 2020

Every year in the Commonwealth is an election year. On November 3, Virginians will have the opportunity to elect candidates for President, Congress and some "down-ballot" offices. In an era when more people worldwide are gaining the right to vote, many Americans are not exercising this right. In fact, in most elections, no more than 60 percent of eligible voters actually cast a ballot.

Faithful Citizenship reminds us to take an active part in public life through our voice and our vote. The Virginia Catholic Conference (VCC) is committed to increasing voter participation through outreach in parishes, Catholic schools and Catholic campus ministries. Students who will be 18 or older on November 3 can inspire their peers, family members and fellow parishioners to vote. Broaden students' understanding of voting and the 26th Amendment, and encourage those eligible to register to vote. Then, encourage them to post photos of their school or mascot with **#CatholicsVote** and other hashtags for their diocese/school (see handout).

Election Date
Nov. 3, 2020

Election
US President
US Senator
US Representative
Mayors & Town Council, etc.

Must be born on or before this date to vote
Nov. 3, 2002

Voter Registration Deadline
Oct. 13, 2020

What are the general requirements for registering to vote in Virginia?
- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Must be 18 on or before the next General Election. Thus, 17-year olds born on or before November 3, 2002, can register TODAY.
- Must be a resident of Virginia

Get Registered!
Visit the **Virginia Department of Elections** where you will find an official registration link:
- **Online Registration: https://bit.ly/2F3Dcy7**
- **Verify your registration status: https://bit.ly/2DGLCum**
- **Find your polling place: https://bit.ly/2DGLCum**
- **Early in-Person Voting: https://bit.ly/3hbgcKf**
- **Request Absentee Ballot: https://bit.ly/3hbgcKf**

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