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Official Public Statement on The National Catholic Church - Clergy and Political Activity

The National Catholic Church affirms that the mission of the Church is spiritual, pastoral, and evangelical in nature. Our clergy are called first and foremost to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to administer the Sacraments, to shepherd souls, and to form consciences according to Sacred Scripture and the teachings of the Catholic faith.

For this reason, priests of The National Catholic Church are not permitted to engage in partisan politics or political activity in public settings, including endorsements of political candidates, political parties, or political movements. We do not discriminate against others in regards to social class, ethnicity, age, sex, gender, or disability. Our clergy do not campaign, speak at political rallies in a partisan capacity, or use the pulpit, internet (personal or church accounts), or Church platforms for political advocacy.

This policy is not rooted in indifference to the challenges of the modern world. On the contrary, the Church has a duty to speak clearly and courageously to moral, social, and cultural issues facing society today. Our priests are encouraged to address the realities of contemporary life through the light of the Gospel, Sacred Scripture, and the moral teachings of the Church—calling all people to repentance, charity, justice, peace, and fidelity to Christ.

The Church forms consciences; it does not replace them. Our clergy seek to guide the faithful to think, pray, and act as Christians in the world, without binding the Gospel to any political party or ideology. In this way, The National Catholic Church remains focused on its sacred mission: proclaiming Christ, nurturing faith, and bringing souls to God.

God love you.

✠ ✠ **The Most Rev. Michael Saintz**
Archbishop of The United States of America

