

## **Appendix**





## **Faithful Citizenship**

### **Ten Easy Steps for Organizing a Non-Partisan Voter Registration Drive**

1. Form a committee to research voter registration laws, recruit volunteers and carry out publicity.
2. Publicize the voter registration drive in the bulletin and in the announcements at Mass two weeks and again one week prior to the drive.
  - Include a message in the homily about the Church's teaching on civic responsibility on the weekend preceding your drive.
3. Learn the registration procedures. Contact your local election office to determine what methods are permitted in your area.
4. Choose a weekend at least one month prior to the election to conduct the drive after Masses.
5. Recruit volunteers to help with registration after each Mass on the weekend you have chosen.
  - Be clear about how many volunteers you need.
  - To avoid the appearance of partisanship, make sure your volunteers include members of all major political parties.
6. Meet or telephone each volunteer and make sure he or she knows the process your parish is using.
7. Publicize! Use bulletin announcements, pulpit announcements, fliers, posters, and other materials.
8. Conduct the drive.
  - Keep it non-partisan.
  - No materials relating to candidates, political parties, or issues involved in the campaign should be distributed as part of the voter registration process.
9. Follow up.
  - Make sure all completed registration forms are returned to the election office.
  - Thank your volunteers for their cooperation.
10. Get out the vote!
  - On the weekend before the election, use bulletin inserts, pulpit announcements, the homily, fliers, and other materials to encourage parishioners to vote.

For materials to register voters:

Diocesan Social Action Office  
[www.catholic-action.org](http://www.catholic-action.org)

Secretary of State  
[www.sos.state.ohio.us](http://www.sos.state.ohio.us)