

## ***Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship***

Participation is a Moral Obligation rooted in Scripture

Voting

Engagement with Legislators – Action Alerts [www.ilcatholic.org](http://www.ilcatholic.org)

Letters and visits

Run for office – support others

Call to Conscience Formation

Requirements of Justice (Social Teachings **Primer**)

Life and Dignity

Call to Family Community and Participation

Marriage

Subsidiarity

Rights and Responsibilities

Things required for human decency & Religious Freedom

We have responsibility to one another

Preferential Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers

Solidarity – One human family

Care for God's Creation

Call to Prudence

Virtue to determine right from wrong in a specific circumstance

Two Temptations

Moral Equivalence makes no ethical distinctions

Different kinds of threats – some must always be opposed

Misuse of moral distinctions to dismiss other serious issues

Two Duties – one negative and one positive

Some things we must never do

Incompatible with love of God and neighbor

Intrinsic evil (abortion, euthanasia, targeting noncombatants...)

Obligation to contribute to the Common Good

Two Feet of Love

Social Justice – Improve Structures, address root causes

Charitable Works – Aid Individuals, meet basic needs

REMINDER: Lifetime Obligation and beyond elections

Openness to seek Truth (Attitude of the heart)

Prayer

Readiness to Act