



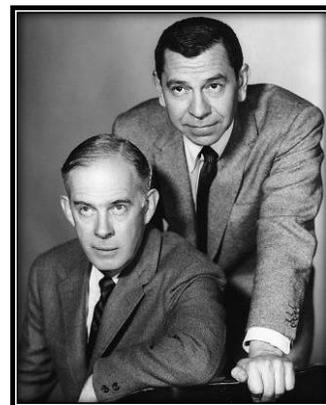
YOU'RE NOT ONLY VOTING FOR SOMEONE WHO IS ...

... at least 35 years of age, a natural born citizen, lived in the U.S. for at least 14 years, ...



The month of October is dedicated by the Church on a universal level to Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, and on a local level to the gift of human life. It is the Church's hope, that through the intercession of Our Lady, fostered in a Rosarian-way by the prayer of the faithful at all times and in all places (such as at 8:30 A.M. every Saturday in Our Holy Redeemer church), a greater appreciation for the giftedness of human life will be conceived in the hearts of *every human person*; especially those that beat within America's elected and appointed officials.

There's been a lot of conversation recently about those officials as well as people seeking election. Unlike most of what has been said, this column will not be used to repeat the words of detraction and calumny that all too many people readily pay to read (with subscriptions to newspapers such as the *New York Times* (which does not always print news that is "fit to print") and *Newsday* (which like most of the mainstream media is anything but fair and objective when it comes to reporting about the Catholic Church and her teachings), and/or hear (by tuning into television stations that like their printed brethren, all too often present stories from just one side of the aisle.). It is about time that these "news" organizations recalled their created-purpose, and showed some respect for the *faith and reason* of the American people who have a right to *the facts mam. Just the facts!*



"Faith and reason" Pope Saint John Paul II writes in his Encyclical Letter *Fides et Ratio*, "are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth; and God has placed in the human heart a desire to know the truth ..." And *the Truth, nothing but the Truth so help me God*, is that on 8 November 2016, citizens of the United States of America will be voting for more than just a new President. *We the people* will be voting for a person who, with Constitutional authority as President of the United States of America, will chart the course of everyday life for us and for our fellow Americans by appointing the fifteen members of "the Cabinet": the Secretary of State, Secretary of the Treasury, Secretary of Defense, the Attorney General, Secretary of

the Interior, Secretary of Agriculture, Secretary of Commerce, Secretary of Labour, Secretary of Health and Human Services, Secretary of Housing and Human Development, Secretary of Transportation, Secretary of Energy, Secretary of Education, Secretary of Veteran's Affairs, and the Secretary of Homeland Security. The President of the United States also appoints the heads of more than 50 independent federal commissions, such as the Federal Reserve Board or the Securities and Exchange Commission, as well as federal judges, ambassadors, and other federal offices.

It is very likely that some of the people appointed by the President after the Election, will identify themselves as Catholics. As such, it matters not whether that person is a woman or a man, a Democrat or a Republican, a liberal or a conservative. What matters is that *Catholics involved in political life take seriously their personal responsibility to offer public witness to their faith, especially with regard to the great moral issues of our time: respect for God's gift of life, the protection of human dignity and the promotion of authentic human rights.* (Address of His Holiness Benedict XVI to the Bishops of the USA on their Ad Limina Visit, 19 January 2012). What matters is that *we the people* who are Catholics take seriously our personal responsibility to offer that same witness to our faith when we vote on 8 November 2016 for more than just a new President.