

PARISH VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE

PLAN

- Set up a table in the gathering space with:
 - Voter registration forms
 - Advanced Ballot Applications
 - o <u>Important Dates for Voting</u>:
 - June 1 Deadline to change party affiliation if already affiliated with a party 12 noon
 - July 12 Registration Books Close Last day to register
 - July 13 Advance Voting by Mail Begins
 - July 16 Advance Voting in Person Begins
 - July 26 Advance ballot application deadline 5 p.m.
 - August 2 Primary Election Polls open 7 a.m. 7 p.m.
 - General Voting Resources
 - Computers/iPads to complete some of these tasks online
 - 4 volunteers (2 at the table assisting; and 2 in gathering space directing people to the table)
 - 2 Knights
 - 2 Respect Life Ministry members
- To assist parishioners with:
 - Determining if they are in fact registered
 - Determining if they need to re-register (due to name change, address change, change of parties, newly 18 by August 2nd)
 - Help them register via paper form or online
 - Help them complete an advanced ballot
 - Determining if they will need a ride to the polls
- Market this event via:
 - Bulletin announcement
 - Mass announcement (that weekend and 1 week leading up to it)
 - Priest announcement at all Masses (that weekend)
 - Email blast

TO DO's

- Create graphics for bulletin announcement, Mass announcement, posters (templates coming soon)
- Get bulletin announcement in (bulletin week before and of)
- Get Mass announcement in (week of)
- Create sign up for volunteers
- Get forms (voter registration forms; advanced ballot application forms)
- Print sheet of important dates
- Get stamps (if offering to include them in parish outgoing mail)

Suggested Bulletin Announcement:

<u>Voter Registration for the August 2nd Primary Election</u>

The Church is allowed to engage in advocacy for a ballot referendum for a constitutional amendment and Catholics are called to put their faith into action through the exercise of their rights and duties as participants in our democracy.

Election Day is Tuesday, August 2nd with advance voting beginning July 13. Anyone who is 18 by August 2nd and is registered to vote can vote. The deadline to register to vote is Tuesday, July 12th. You can register at www.kdor.ks.gov/Apps/VoterReg.

Please check to be sure you are registered and register if you:

- Recently turned 18 or will turn 18 by August 2nd 2022,
- · Recently moved or had a name change,
- Have not voted in recent elections

Notes:

According to our Legal Counsel, voter registration is allowed in our parishes and schools as long as, "no bias for or against any candidate, political party or voting position is evidenced." In other words, at/near the voter registration table, no Value Them Both signage or fliers are allowed, nor are the volunteers allowed to urge support for the amendment. It must remain a neutral space.

Click <u>HERE</u> to view a letter from Dr. Vince Cascone, Superintendent of Schools, Archdiocese of KC in KS