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Greetings Clergy, Religious, & Lay Employees of the Diocese of Saskatoon:

Last evening an event was held at Holy Family Cathedral exploring the response of the various political parties in Canada to major moral and social issues important to Catholics. It was strongly expressed by some of the participants that there is confusion about what can be said and promoted at a Catholic Church venue – be that at the end of Mass, or any other occasion at the church.

While no one political party can be promoted at any Catholic Church, it is certainly appropriate to make available the positions of all political parties to moral and social issues. To this end, I would strongly promote making available the attached resource, which outlines key issues not only for Catholics but for all Canadian citizens, and a summary of the response of the various political parties running in the current Federal Election.

The chart resource is a large and comprehensive one, and ideally would be printed on 11" x 17" paper, although it could also be printed on legal paper. If you wish assistance with printing these, please feel free to come to the Pastoral Center and we would be pleased to print these for you for a nominal charge.

For Catholics, voting is not only a duty but should be done well. A key feature of carrying out one's duty and responsibility to vote is to exercise and inform one's conscience. This is particularly important because we are called to be voices that speak to virtue, healing and decency in politics and social engagement. We are also called to be mindful of both our needs and goals *and* those of others – especially those who are unable to speak for themselves.

Sincerely in Christ,

✠ Most Reverend Mark A. Hagemoen