



**The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council**



**Christian Family Life Chair
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TO: Diocesan Christian Family Life Chairpersons, Diocesan Presidents
CC: Provincial Executive (for information)
CC: National Chairperson of Christian Family Life (for information)
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**“Choose for your tribes wise, understanding, and experienced men,
and I will appoint them as your heads.” - Deuteronomy 1:13**

My dear sisters in Christ,

Canadians are once again going to the polls for the 44th general election. It has been just less than two years since the last election and here we are, called upon to let our voices heard as we go to the polls to vote on September 20th, 2021.

I listen to what the politician's have to say and wonder “Is this the person I want to lead our country? Will they represent Canadians or will they have their own agendas? Do their party policies follow the fundamental values of Catholic Social Teachings?” How can I know who to vote for?

Now is the time to do some research. The following websites provide information that may help you in your decision making:

<https://www.cccb.ca/> 2019 election guide

<https://www.catholiccyyc.ca> 2019 election guide

<https://www.bccatholic.ca> 2019 election guide

<https://catholicconscience.org/canada> 2021 election guide

Catholic Conscience will be presenting a free webinar as part of their Catholic Action initiative in the 2021 federal election campaign. It is entitled: **Federal Election 2021: Catholics & Canadian Politics - Featuring John Milloy**. The following web address will bring you to the registration page. The webinar is on September 15th.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/2021-federal-election-catholics-canadian-politics-ft-john-milloy-tickets-167384484499>

The following website is the official elections Canada website. <https://elections.ca> It is the 2021 government elections guide and it provides information on candidates, political parties, voting station near you plus more.

<https://en.novalis.ca/products/for-heavens-sake-vote> Novalis Canada (in partnership with Catholic Charities of the Arch-diocese of Toronto) has put out a book entitled “For Heaven Sake, Vote”, your guide to Catholic Social Teachings and the Federal Election. The cost is \$2.95 and is also available in E-BOOK format.

The next few weeks are important as it gives us a little time to find out what the Church’s teachings are and to research the politician’s stance regarding issues such as human dignity, poverty, homelessness, health care and the environment, to name a few of our concerns.

We need to prepare ourselves for this election!

Different ways to vote:

Election Day is Monday, September 20th, 2021.

Advance Polls are: Friday, September 10th, 2021
 Saturday, September 11th, 2021
 Sunday, September 12th, 2021
 Monday, September 13th, 2021

Vote by mail: Special ballot process, have to apply on line or Elections Canada Office
 Have to apply by September 14th, 2021 – information available on their website.

Vote at any Elections

Canada Office: Special Ballot process, vote before September 14th, 2021 – more information
 available on their website.

In 2019, only 67% of legible voters cast their ballot. Let us bring that percentage up to at least 87- 97%.

“Christ has no body now but yours.
No hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world.
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.
Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.” — Teresa of Avila

Yours in Christ,

Celine