On this October 1: With early voting to begin in North Carolina on October 17, I am using this prayer to get us to continue to reflect on how to vote using Godly Wisdom and a Catholic understanding of Life issues, our God given gifts of human sexuality, marriage and family, and to ask ourselves: "Which candidates are more open to allowing us to live out our Catholic faith / To worship freely / To be able to engage freely to discuss our religious beliefs in the public square." To Summarize: Which candidates are more open to respect our Catholic Faith.

As promised: an Exorcist's prayer "Consecrating the Election to the Virgin Mary"

Let us pray

"Mary Immaculate, living tabernacle of the Divinity, where the eternal Wisdom lies hidden to be adored and served by angels and men, Queen of heaven and of earth, beneath whose sway are subject all things that are lower than God, Patroness of the United States of America, sorrowful and mindful of our own sinfulness and the sins of our nation, we come to Thee, our refuge and hope. Knowing that our country cannot be saved by our own works and mindful of how much our nation has departed from the ways of Thy Son, we humbly ask that Thou wouldst turn Thine eyes upon our country to bring about its conversion. We consecrate to Thee the integrity of the upcoming election and its outcome, so that what is spiritually and morally best for the citizens of our country may be accomplished, and that all of those who are elected would govern according to the spiritual and moral principles which will bring our nation into conformity with the teachings of Thy Son. Give grace to the citizens of this land so that they will choose leaders according to the Sacred Heart of Thy Son, that His glory may be made manifest, lest we be given the leaders we deserve. Trusting in the providential care of God the Father and Thy maternal care, we have perfect confidence that Thou will take care of us and will not leave us forsaken. O Mary Immaculate, pray for us." Amen

Next week I will offer a spiritual refection on how God's Word is the Foundation to know what is true. We all desire truth. To be conformed to reality. (Proverbs 30:5 "Every word of God is tested)." When God's Word is tested we find it to be the Standard by which all things are tested and known to be in the fullness of what is true.

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