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Our participation in the 2012 election saw us put into action our duty of Faithful Citizenship: framing the debate of public issues and the selection of those who occupy positions of civic leadership while carrying the values of the Gospel into the public square. This is what it means to be a Catholic in a free and democratic nation and I applaud you for exercising your duty because in many parts of the world, this is still a dream or work in progress.

As our elected and re-elected civic leaders prepare to assume their duties of office in January 2013, I implore them to return to the ideals of civility as expressed by President of the United States and Sir Knight John F. Kennedy:



I also ask that you join me in praying daily this prayer for our civic leaders:

God our Father, You guide everything in wisdom and love. Accept the prayers we offer for our nation. In your goodness, watch over those in authority. Grant them strength to employ a more civil tone in public discourse on political and social issues. Open their hearts to show respect to the interests of all, particularly those members of our society who are weak and marginalized. Give them understanding to support and protect the founding principle of our country, religious liberty, especially the freedom of belief, speech, and worship. Inspire them to seek and desire a Culture of Life especially for the most vulnerable in our society - the unborn, the sick, and the elderly. Guide them so that people everywhere may enjoy freedom, security, and peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pray for us.

Vivat Jesus and God Bless America!

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