

## Social Justice Page: St Leo/St. Charles Borromeo

### **We are called to protect and promote healthy Democracy in the U. S. and Around the Globe – Pope Francis: Indifference is a 'cancer of democracy' (8/8/2024)**

**The following are excerpts from a US Catholic Conference of Bishops article on Democracy:**

Pope Francis emphasized the critical role of Catholics in political life to combat the global decline of democracy, urging active participation, social solidarity and the rejection of indifference and exclusion.

"As Catholics, in this regard, we cannot be content with a marginal or private faith," he said. Yet bringing one's faith into the public sphere means "not so much to be heard, but to have the courage to make proposals for justice and peace in the public debate."

<https://www.usccb.org/news/2024/pope-indifference-cancer-democracy>

**IN THIS COUNTRY it is imperative that we engage the political process.** Our expression of democracy is that of a representative form of democracy in a governmental system that has three co-equal branches of government – the Executive, Legislative & Judicial.

**Executive Branch:** Responsible for enforcing the laws passed by Congress.

**Legislative Branch:** Also known as Congress, is responsible for making laws, making a budget and managing the money (The Federal Purse)

**Judicial Branch:** Responsible for interpreting the laws and ensuring that they are applied fairly and consistently

*By its statements and most recent actions, the current Administration (Executive Branch) is overstepping its authority by trying to control federal financing. Moreover, the Legislative Branch is ceding its authority over the Federal Purse – The responsibility and duty to finance the government!*

**This imbalance is disrupting our democratic system of governance and thereby against the call by Pope Francis to protect and make healthy democratic governments as they are the very frameworks protecting Human Rights and the Planet.**

It is made crystal clear by the words of *Pope Francis* and *Catholic Social Teaching* that we are to make our voices and morals of our faith known to those in power. Democracy must be protected, and the right order of governance be restored to these United States of America. **This is not about being partisan on this issue but Patriotic & Catholic!**

**I urge all of you to call your representatives, asking them to restore the co-equal branches of our government, protect human rights and the health of our land!**

**It is time for us to be prophetic voices of justice and love.**

**Contact your representatives in Congress now:**

<https://www.congress.gov/contact-us>

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