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Dear Father:

As you may know, both the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and the Catholic Conference of Illinois have strongly recommended that dioceses across the USA adopt a policy and practice of not allowing the publication and/or distribution of any voter education materials that do not come from the USCCB, the Catholic Conference of Illinois, or the Archdiocese.

This has been our diocesan policy for many years. However, for the last couple of years questions have arisen about using other guidelines.

Recently, it has come to my attention that a group known as *Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good* has been requesting that parishes distribute their voter's guidebook. *Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good* is an unaffiliated group, so I would ask priests and parishes to comply with our general policy and not distribute voter education materials that are published by unaffiliated groups.

Voter guidelines and materials are available through our Office for Peace and Justice ([www.archchicago.org/departments/peace\\_and\\_justice/pdf/making\\_decision\\_voting.pdf](http://www.archchicago.org/departments/peace_and_justice/pdf/making_decision_voting.pdf)) and from the Catholic Conference of Illinois.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rev. John Canary".

Very Reverend John Canary  
Vicar General, Archdiocese of Chicago