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Dear Brother Knights,

In a few weeks we will all have the right and responsibility to vote for a candidate to represent us as our Member of Parliament. More and more Canadians are wisely adopting a candidate-centred approach to voting, as opposed to blindly voting for any certain party or leader, simply because of tradition or routine.

As Catholics and especially as Knights, we have a serious duty to determine where the candidates stand on the current key moral issues, namely abortion and euthanasia. As Knights we should heed the words of our Holy Father who stated clearly, "Not all moral issues have the same weight as abortion and euthanasia." Pope Benedict and the teachings of our church state clearly that a faithful Catholic voter must give priority to abortion and euthanasia when deciding how to vote.

Among the preoccupations listed within the *Guide for 2011 Federal Election*, which was recently released by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, the first issue expressed by our Bishops for consideration of Catholics as they ponder their voting options is the right to life and respect for human dignity - from conception to natural death.

Our Supreme Knight is equally clear when he stated, "we will never succeed in building a culture of life if we continue to vote for politicians who defend and support a culture of death."

In this election, no major party or leader is pro-life. We should vote for the person who is the most pro-life, pro-family candidate without regard to party or leader. That is clearly the message from our Holy Father, our Bishops and our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson.

In the last parliament there was a bill to legalize euthanasia, and another to criminalize the coercion of a woman to have an abortion. More such bills will come forward in the House of Commons and individual M.P.s will stand and cast their votes. One of them will be your representative. Let us elect men and women to represent us who will stand clearly and publicly for life.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Yeo".

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