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NOTICE

New Mexico Conference of Catholic Bishops Object to Use of Bishops' Statements/Letters for Political Advertising

ALBUQUERQUE – Sunday, October 28, 2018—IMMEDIATE RELEASE— We, the Bishops of New Mexico want to notify the public that we do not approve of today's advertisement published in the *Albuquerque Journal* entitled, "Are You A Catholic Voter?".

We were not aware of plans to publish our statement, *On The Dignity of Human Life*, issued on March 6, 2017, as part of a political advertisement. We did not coordinate or pay for this advertisement. Our statement was written a year and half ago and was never intended to be used for political advertising.

We encourage all citizens to vote. The Catholic Church does not endorse any candidate. The New Mexico Conference of Bishops complies with the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' official statement, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*. Catholics need to study the issues and make their decisions for the common good in accordance with Catholic teaching. For more information, visit <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/index.cfm> .

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