



Voter Registration Guidelines/Process for Parishes

"In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation." (USCCB "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship,")

Per the Missouri Catholic Conference (MCC), "encouraging and assisting parishioners to register to vote" is included under "Permitted Church Activities." Here is the process for parish voter registration drives:

1. Obtain your pastor's approval.
2. With your pastor's input, identify at least one person from your parish to be the official "Voter Solicitor" and register in that capacity with the Secretary of State's office.
 - Use this form:
<https://s1.sos.mo.gov/CMSImages/ElectionGoVoteMissouri/VoterRegistrationSolicitorsRegistrationForm.pdf>
3. Advertise and promote your voter registration event. Ensure that the promotion is non-partisan (does not promote or evaluate any candidate or political party); these events must remain politically neutral.
4. For your event, have printed Missouri voter registration forms available for the county your parish is in. If multiple, print forms for each county.
 - Official forms (by county) can be downloaded online and then printed here:
<https://s1.sos.mo.gov/Elections/VoterRegistration/Home/Print>
5. For your event, you can also include printed material from the Missouri Catholic Conference and U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) that detail the importance of voting, highlight Catholic social teaching, and educate on issues. These approved materials are non-partisan. Suggested documents:
 - MCC "Guidelines for Church Involvement in Elections (2024)"
<https://mocatholic.org/wp-content/uploads/Church-Guidelines-During-Elections-v2.pdf>
 - U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship"
<https://www.usccb.org/resources/forming-consciences-faithful-citizenship-pdf>
 - Other approved materials by the Missouri Catholic Conference, including information on the proposed amendments on the November 5 ballot, see <https://mocatholic.org>
6. Ensure that the "Voter Solicitor" and other participants helping at the event understand and agree to abide by the non-partisan/neutral nature of the event.
7. Turn in all completed voter registration forms into your county election office within 48 business hours.
 - Find election office addresses here:
<https://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/goVoteMissouri/localelectionauthority>

Important 2024 Election Dates

Oct. 9, 2024 – Deadline to register to vote in the November general election.

Oct. 23, 2024 – Deadline to apply for an absentee ballot for the November general election.

Nov. 5, 2024 – General Election: Polls open at 6 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.



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