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Bishop Walter A. Hurley issued the following statement regarding the upcoming political election:

“The Roman Catholic Diocese of Grand Rapids has not and will not support or endorse individual candidates in a political election. Campaign materials currently being distributed in the forthcoming election could imply the Catholic Church’s support for a particular candidate. It has long been the tradition of the Catholic Church not to support or endorse an individual candidate in the electoral process. The Church respects each citizen’s right to make an informed decision. I encourage everyone to participate fully in the electoral process as they see fit and their conscience dictates.”

Most Reverend Walter A. Hurley
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