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[Please read announcement word-for-word at all Masses, June 21 and 22, 2014. DO NOT AD LIB.]

Aloha, Everyone!

Two weeks ago, Bishop Larry Silva wrote a letter reminding us that Catholics have a moral duty to participate in the life of our democracy by voting. Voting is a way to let our voices be heard as we strive for the common good. The bishop has asked parishes this weekend to help parishioners register to vote.

We are going to take a few minutes to do just that. We thank all of you for your patience as we walk through the Voter Registration process.

Now we will begin.

You may register to vote if you fit the category of any of these following statements:

- You are a U.S. citizen and a Hawaii resident and will be 18 years old by July 10, and are NOT currently registered to vote.
- You did not receive a yellow card from the Office of Elections recently.
- You have not voted in the last three elections.
- You have moved or changed your name since the last election.
- You are NOT SURE if you are already registered to vote.

If you said “yes” to any or all of the above, congratulations! You *qualify* to be a registered voter.

Those who want to register, please pick up a pen and WikiWiki Voter Registration form and turn to the page with all the blanks titled “Voter Registration and Permanent Absentee.”

Fill your name, address, phone number, social security number and the other blanks, if applicable. I will give you a few minutes. Go! (Give them a few minutes.)

Now answer the three questions in the box on the left titled “Voter Registration.” (If you answer “no”, then you are not eligible to vote, and should not complete this form.)

The right-hand-side box called “Permanent Absentee” is for those of you who want to vote at home by mail. Some people like the convenience of voting at home. Fill out this side **ONLY** if you want to vote by mail. If you want to actually go to the polls, leave that side blank. If you want to vote by mail, just check off the box of the address you wrote above. The elections office will mail you the ballot.

If you cannot sign, but merely mark the boxes, then Box 13 must be signed by a witness. Otherwise, Box 13 should be left blank. Make sure you sign and date the Voter Registration box, and if you want to vote by mail, the Permanent Absentee box. Today’s date is June 21, 2014 (June 22, 2014).

To ensure protection of your private information, please fold the completed form in half so your information is concealed. As you leave the church, drop your Voter Registration/Permanent Absentee form into the basket/box located at the designated places (e.g., entrances). The Knights of Columbus will deliver the completed forms to the Office of Elections. Or, if you prefer to mail the form in yourself, please do so as soon as possible.

Thank you so much for registering to vote; and congratulations for being a responsible and “Faithful Citizen.”