Pastor's Journal...
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Growing up as a Catholic in the Second Vatican Council, a greater emphasis was given to the Church's role in the modern world. Key documents of the Council spoke of the need for the Church and her members to become more active and participatory in the social and political life of their respective governments. In today's language, the Church encouraged us to be Christian "influencers," being leaven in the dough of society for the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the common good of all humanity. Politics and civil leadership meant to be noble professions. The Church taught us to practice "servant leadership" from what Jesus taught his disciples: "the greatest among you is the one who serves the rest (Mt. 23:11).

I am truly saddened by our recent elections, what led up to them, and what I fear will come after. It almost seems that politics has become a sport, and a very dangerous one at that. All that seems to matter is winning and losing. I am always reminded of a teacher I had in seminary who was a marriage counselor, he said that if a couple comes to a point in their relationship where it is a matter of being a winner and a loser, both are losers! I feel the same way about our politics and our political parties. It is shameful, and even perverse, as to how much money is spent on bringing the other side down.

The Gospel this past Wednesday, the morning after the elections, was Jesus' instruction to his followers about Christian discipleship. He said to them: "Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.' (Luke 14)" More time was spent this election on destruction. Let's see what the construction plans are? As Christians, we have to start being part of the solution, not the problem.

Blessings and best wishes,