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**Date:** September 11, 2019  
**To:** Pastors and Parish Support Staff  
**From:** Bishop Gary Gordon  
Cynthia Bouchard, Chancellor  
**Re:** Federal Election Guide from the CCCB

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This morning, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau officially requested for the dissolution of Parliament by Governor General, Julie Payette; launching Canada's 43rd General Election. Election Day will be on Monday, October 21, 2019.

As Canadian Catholics, and citizens, this is an opportunity to exercise our right to vote in the formation of a fair and just representative government by the people and for the people. To assist us in this very vital and important responsibility, the Episcopal Commission for Justice and Peace of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) has released a booklet entitled, *2019 Federal Election Guide: Voting as Catholics*. This booklet is attached as a PDF and may be shared and distributed to your parishioners as a resource guide to the election. The booklet seeks not to influence voter's choices. Rather, it encourages informed judgement, and enables opportunities for reflection on various key issues important to Catholics. These appear as underlined texts, if printed, and are hyperlinks when the PDF booklet is viewed digitally.

The booklet is also available from the CCCB website at <https://www.cccb.ca/site/eng/media-room/5143-voting-as-catholics-2019-federal-election-guide>.

May we seek the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit, our patron saint, St. Joseph, and our Blessed Mother as we prayerfully discern the future elected government for Canada.