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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Warm greetings from Sion House.

To assist our preparation for the Victorian election, the Victorian Bishops have prepared a number of resources to support our prayerful discernment which you will find attached.

At its heart, discernment is an act of listening: listening to the realities of our world, listening to one another, and above all listening to the gentle voice of the Holy Spirit. As we reflect on the various issues before us, we are called to ask not only what serves our own interests, but what promotes human dignity, strengthens our communities, and cares for those who are most vulnerable among us.

The election campaign may at times be marked by strong opinions and deep disagreements. In these moments, I encourage us to be witnesses to a different way. Let us approach one another with respect and charity, recognising that those with whom we disagree are still our neighbours, fellow citizens, and beloved children of God. May our conversations be marked by patience, understanding, and a genuine desire to seek the truth together. We are called to foster a culture of dialogue, encounter and peace.

I ask you to join me in praying for all who are standing for public office, for those entrusted with conducting the election, and for all the people of Victoria. May the Holy Spirit guide us in wisdom and truth and may God bless our efforts to build a society characterised by justice, compassion and hope.

Yours in Christ,

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