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There is strength in numbers.

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There is nothing more destructive.

# HATE

There are 2 kinds:

**1** to have strong dislike or ill will for: loathe; despise

**2** to dislike or wish to avoid; shrink from arguments

Interesting, isn't it?

We generally attach the word hate onto those associated with violence that is motivated by prejudice on the basis of race, religion, sexual orientation, or other grounds; think neo-Nazis, Racists, and Homophobics

However, according to Merriam-Webster, **WE HATE** by avoiding and shrinking from an exchange of diverging or opposite views, by diverting our eyes from people or issues we wish to dodge.

We're not talking about issues like homelessness, sex abuse, the death penalty, or abortion—Catholics are all-over those.

We're talking about **POLITICS**.

Today, we live in a fractured culture that has lost its way in working together for the common good. We are becoming more and more disenchanted and disengaged—and, for good reasons: there is much evidence supporting that politics are divisive and disrespectful.

We get that.

We don't have to live with that.

**TOGETHER we will give witness** to Gospel values in government.

**TOGETHER we will lean into** our Church's teaching on critical social issues and identify needs in areas of morality, health, welfare, education, religious freedom, and civil rights—and determine ways to meet them.

**TOGETHER we will...**

Get equipped. Get mobilized. Get involved.

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