Quiz: Are You a Faithful Citizen?

1. How many times a week do you read or watch the news?

1. every day
2. most days
3. only sometimes
4. hardly at all or never

2. Which of the following best describes you around election times?

1. Even if I can’t vote yet, I read about the candidates and watch the debates to try to find out candidates’ positions on issues I care about.
2. I usually pick up some things about the candidates and have some basis to form an opinion, but if I could vote, I might not feel totally informed to make a decision.
3. I don’t really pay that much attention, so my opinion of the candidates, if I have one, might be based on what I hear from others.
4. I’m so sick of politics. I try to tune it out or watch or read something else.

3. Which of the following opinions about faith and politics do you agree with most?

1. Faith is a moral guidepost for the decisions we make, including how we vote. Faith should definitely be brought into the political realm.
2. Faith can be helpful in encouraging us to make good decisions, but sometimes it can get in the way of what would really be the best way to do things.
3. People shouldn’t bring their religion into politics. The Constitution says they should be separate.

4. If someone asked you to explain why your religion holds a certain perspective on a moral issue, like abortion or poverty, what would your response be?

1. “I know about that.” (Then you launch into a detailed explanation.)
2. “I think I can explain that.” (Then you have a couple of things to say.)
3. “Umm . . . I’m not really sure. You should ask someone else.”

5. How many times a year do you participate in activities such as writing letters, calling, or e-mailing your local or national leaders; walking in marches or participating in demonstrations; educating others about important issues affecting human life and dignity; or participating in other advocacy efforts to protect the poor and vulnerable?

1. twelve times a year (about once a month)
2. six times a year (about every other month)
3. a couple of times a year
4. rarely or never

6. How many hours of community service do you do each month?

1. 10 or more
2. 6 to 9
3. 3 to 5
4. 0 to 2

7. Which best describes the way you decide what positions to hold about the issues being debated?

1. I usually don’t take sides; I like to remain neutral.
2. I tend to go along with what others around me think. If everyone believes something, they are probably right.
3. I usually just have a gut feeling that I listen to.
4. I take my responsibility to form my conscience seriously, so I make an effort to learn about teachings of the Church and Scripture, I examine the facts, and I prayerfully reflect on the issues so I can make the best decision possible.

8. Whose role is it to make the world a better place?

1. All of us have an equally pressing responsibility to make positive change in both our local communities and the world.
2. Everyone should be concerned about it, but we also have our own lives to worry about. We should all devote some time to helping others, but realistically, there is not a whole lot we can do.
3. Adults have more education and training, so it is their responsibility. There isn’t much I can do.

9. What can you do to become more engaged in the world and to help make the Gospel message into   
 modern society?