

Campaign Platform

In this small-group assignment, you will develop an imaginary political campaign to explore what it means to be a responsible citizen, both locally and globally. Each member in your group should select one of the following roles so that all roles are represented in your group:

- **Presidential candidate:** Present a 5-minute speech in front of the class about your group's promises and goals.
- **Vice presidential candidate:** Present a 4-minute speech to reinforce the methods and ideas talked about by the presidential candidate in your group.
- **Secretary:** Record your group's platform and all major items discussed during the meeting, and turn it in at the end of this session.
- **Public relations staff members:** Create a banner and poster for your candidacy.

As a group, work together to create your political campaign platform. The platform's promises and goals must address the following questions:

- What makes a country good? How does your platform relate to Catholic social teaching?
- How are your promises and goals committed to the common good?
- How will your group regulate the state, business institutions, and communications media so that they can promote and protect the common good?
- Does your platform recognize, respect, defend, and promote individual citizens' rights and protect individuals' freedom to pursue these rights?

