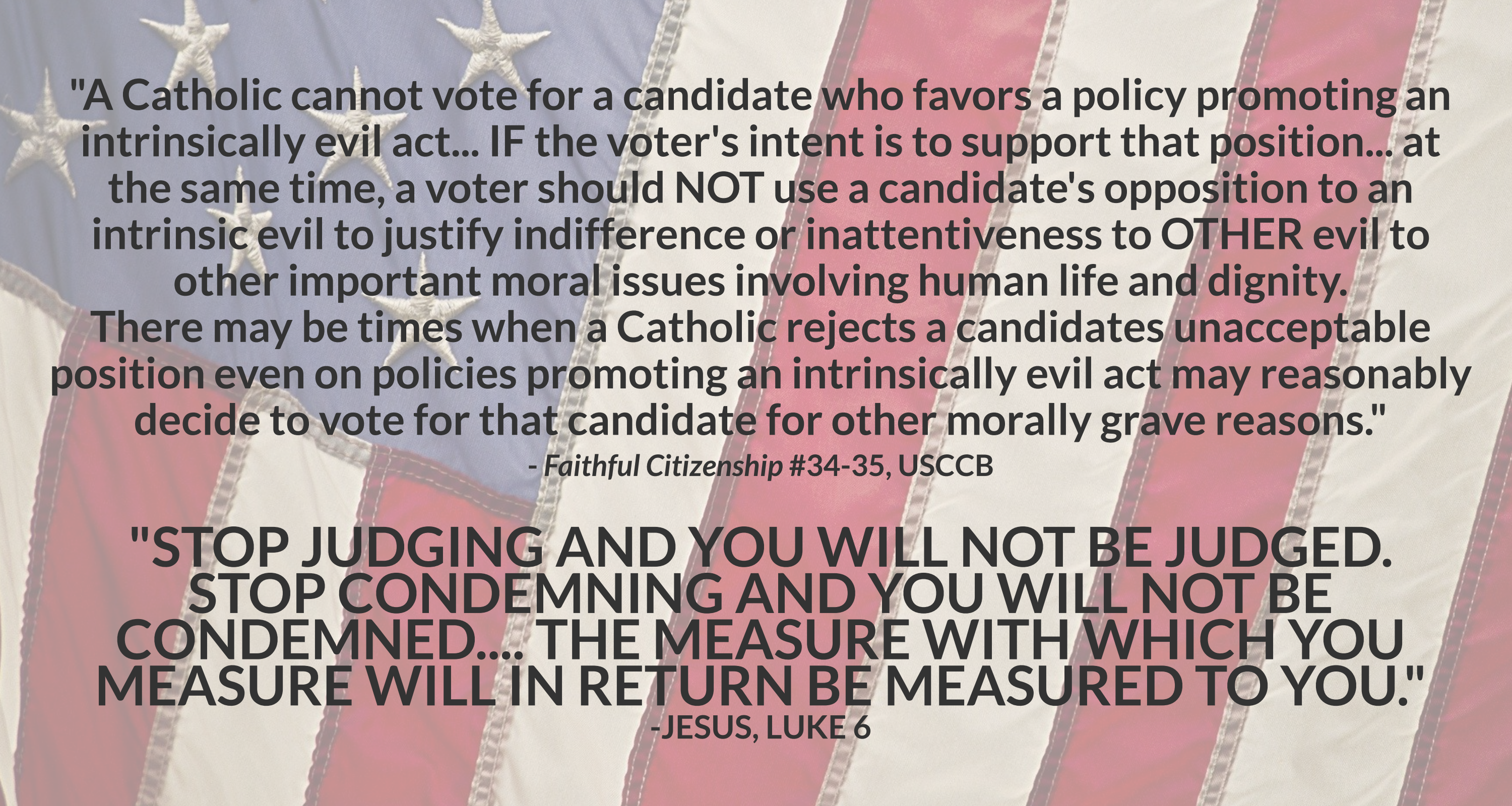




**"A GOOD CATHOLIC  
MEDDLES IN POLITICS."**

*Pope Francis*



The background of the image is a close-up, slightly blurred view of the American flag, showing the stars and stripes. The text is overlaid on this background.

"A Catholic cannot vote for a candidate who favors a policy promoting an intrinsically evil act... IF the voter's intent is to support that position... at the same time, a voter should NOT use a candidate's opposition to an intrinsic evil to justify indifference or inattentiveness to OTHER evil to other important moral issues involving human life and dignity. There may be times when a Catholic rejects a candidates unacceptable position even on policies promoting an intrinsically evil act may reasonably decide to vote for that candidate for other morally grave reasons."

*- Faithful Citizenship #34-35, USCCB*

**"STOP JUDGING AND YOU WILL NOT BE JUDGED.  
STOP CONDEMNING AND YOU WILL NOT BE  
CONDEMNED.... THE MEASURE WITH WHICH YOU  
MEASURE WILL IN RETURN BE MEASURED TO YOU."**

**-JESUS, LUKE 6**



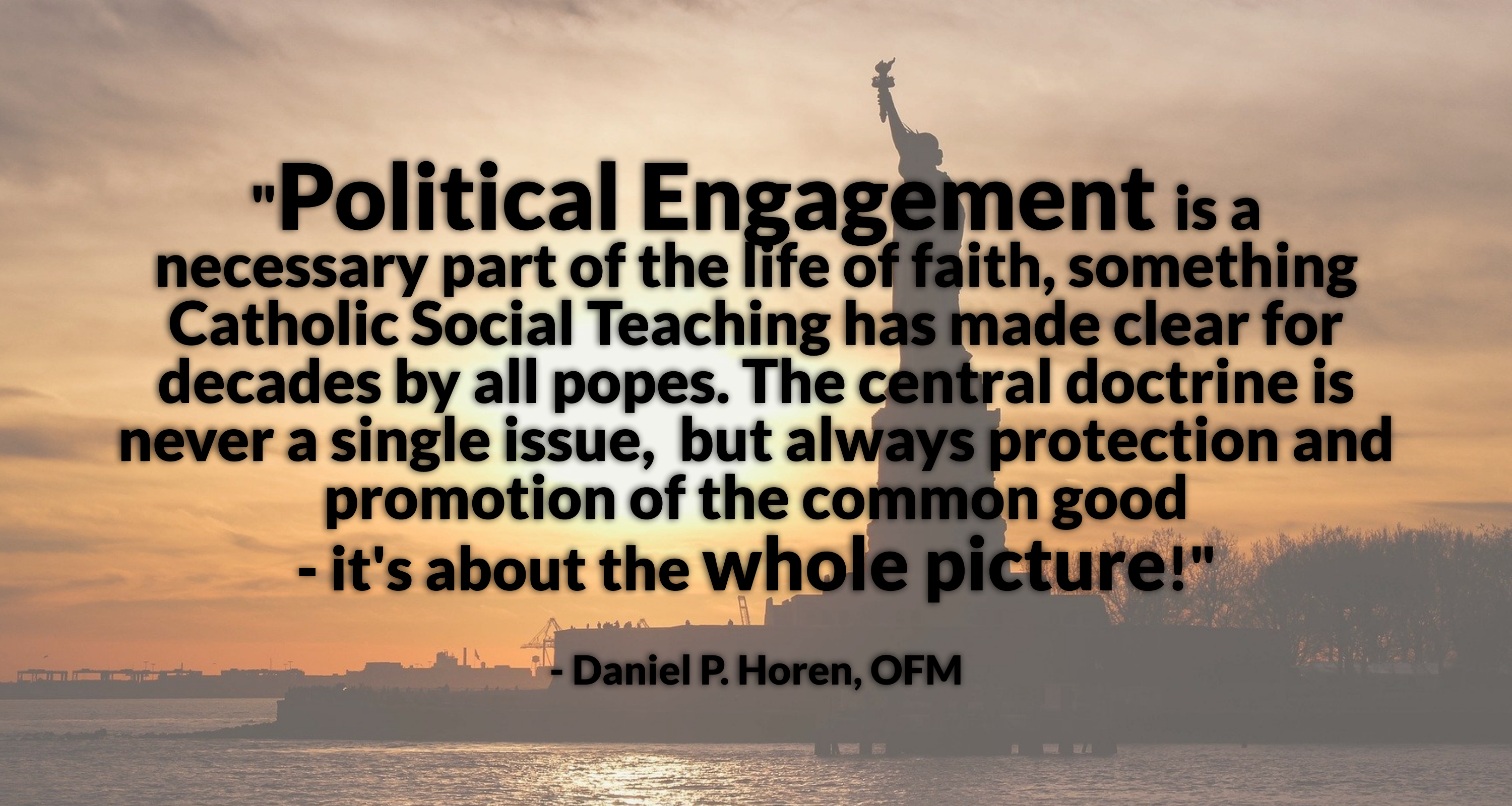
A close-up photograph of a person's hands clasped together in a prayerful gesture, resting on an open Bible. The Bible is open to a page with text, and the person is wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt. The background is a wooden surface.

"Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act that he is going to perform, is in the process of performing, or has already completed.

**In all he says and does, man is obliged to follow faithfully what he knows to be just and right."**

-Catechism of the Catholic Church, no.1778

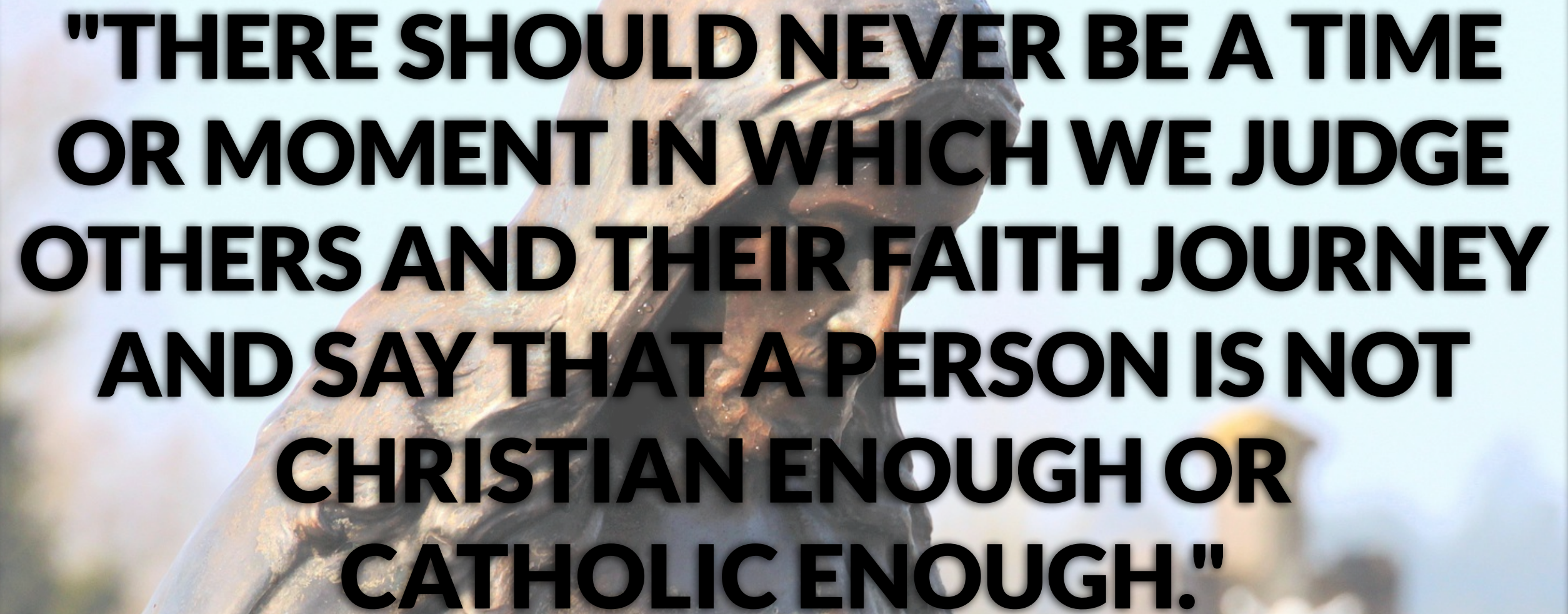


A silhouette of the Statue of Liberty stands prominently against a vibrant sunset sky. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm orange and yellow glow. In the foreground, the dark silhouette of a large ship is visible on the water. The background shows a distant city skyline and some trees on the right.

**"Political Engagement is a necessary part of the life of faith, something Catholic Social Teaching has made clear for decades by all popes. The central doctrine is never a single issue, but always protection and promotion of the common good - it's about the whole picture!"**

**- Daniel P. Horen, OFM**





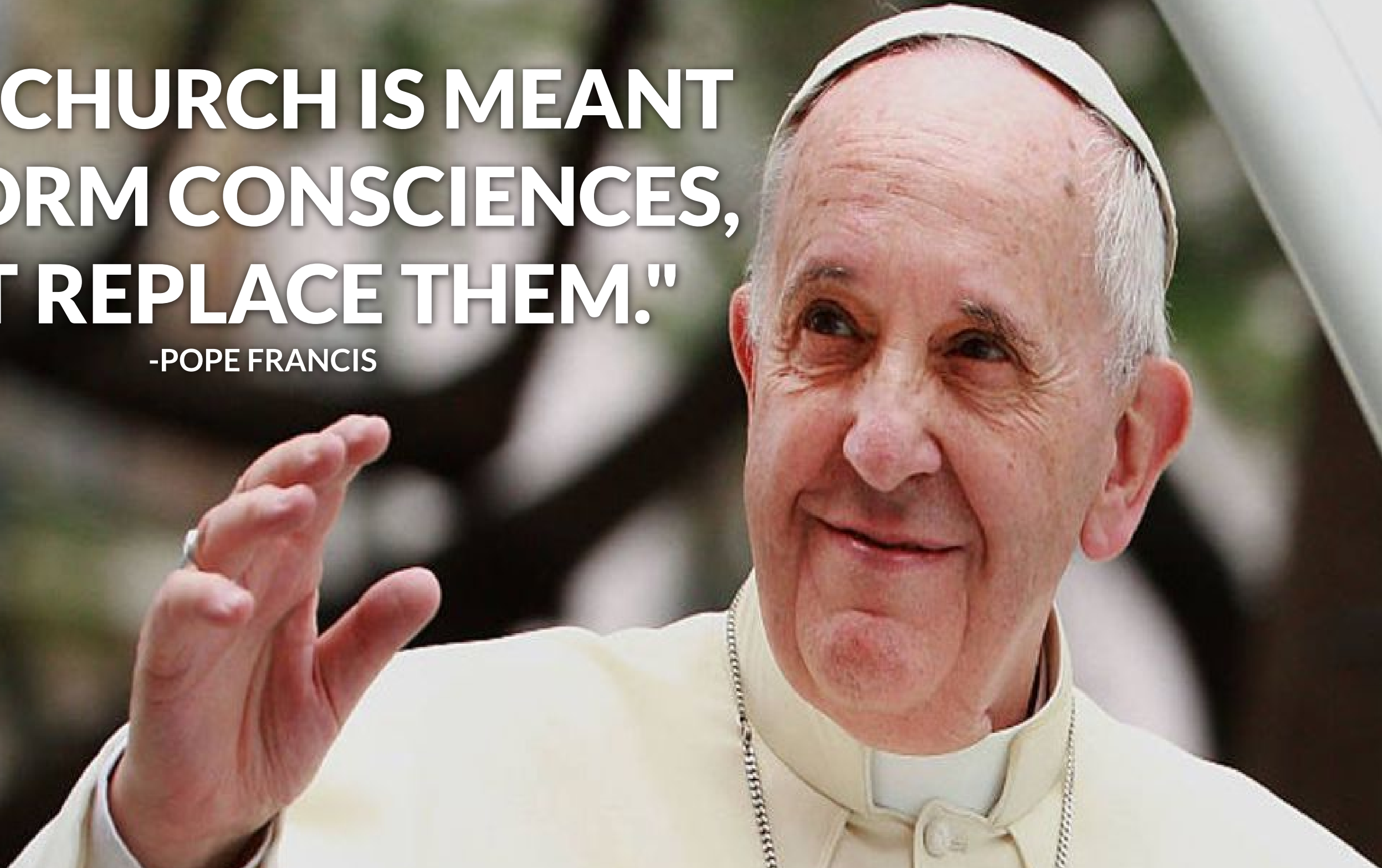
**"THERE SHOULD NEVER BE A TIME  
OR MOMENT IN WHICH WE JUDGE  
OTHERS AND THEIR FAITH JOURNEY  
AND SAY THAT A PERSON IS NOT  
CHRISTIAN ENOUGH OR  
CATHOLIC ENOUGH."**

**-CARDINAL CUPICH  
ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO**

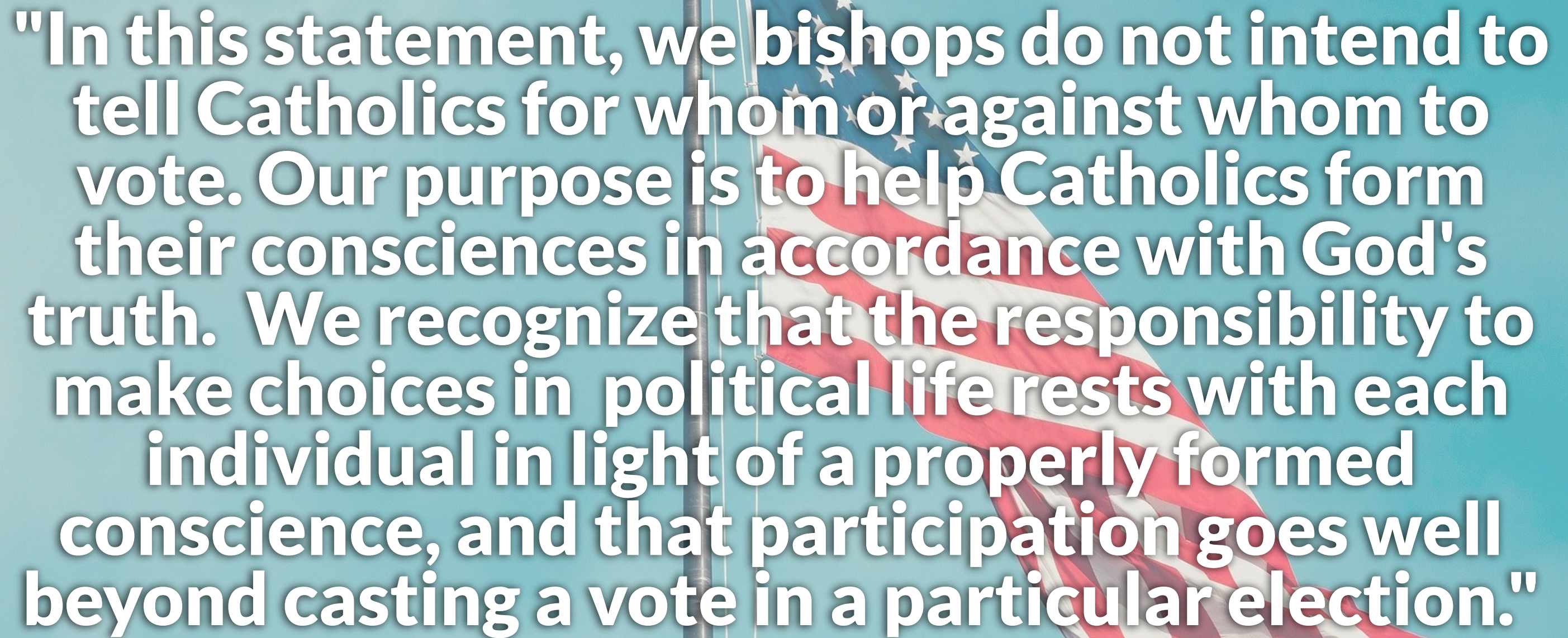


**"THE CHURCH IS MEANT  
TO FORM CONSCIENCES,  
NOT REPLACE THEM."**

**-POPE FRANCIS**



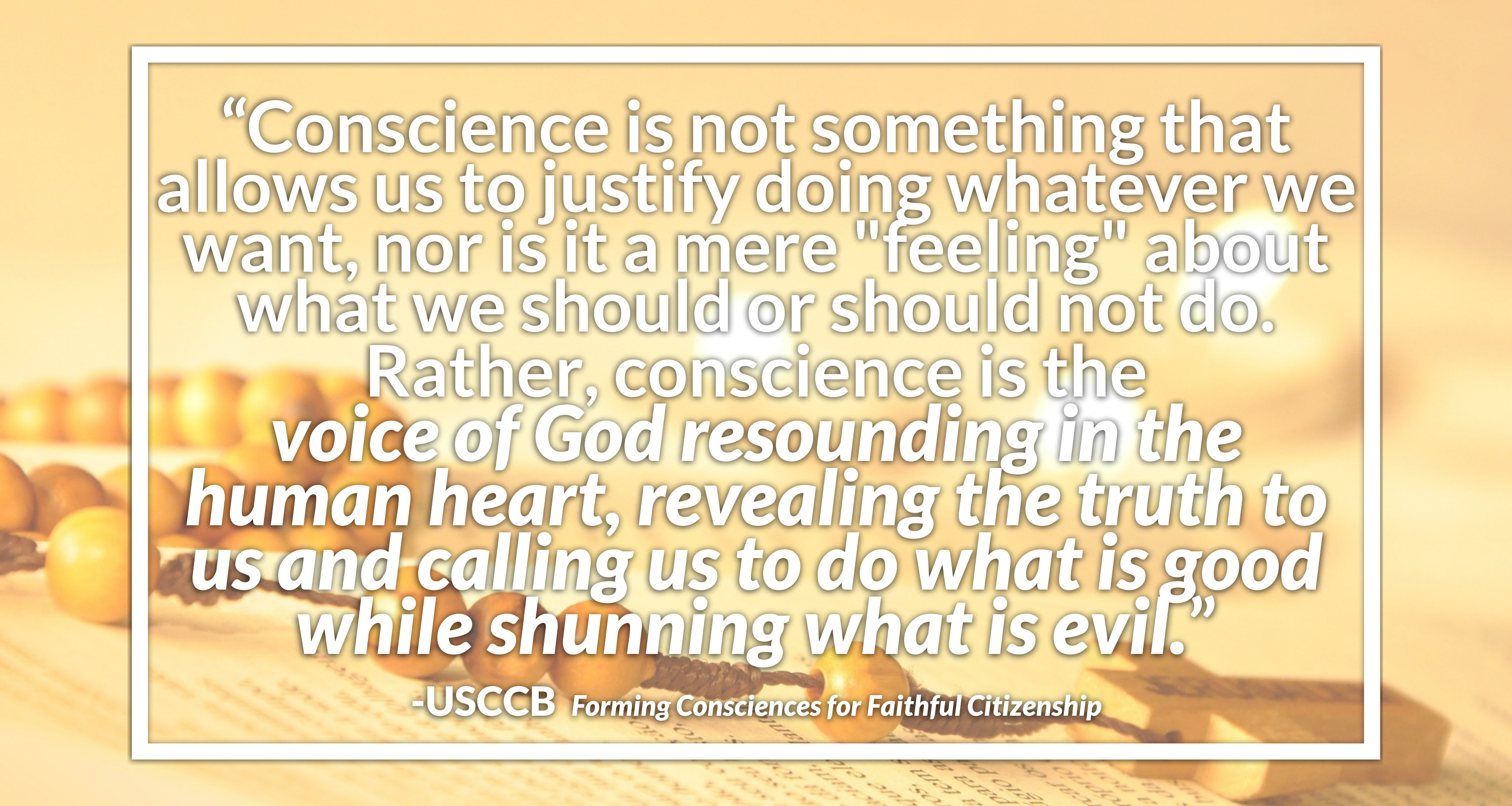


An American flag is shown waving against a clear blue sky. The flag is positioned diagonally, with the top left corner near the top left of the frame and the bottom right corner near the bottom right. The stars and stripes are clearly visible. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image, in a large, white, bold font with a slight shadow effect.

"In this statement, we bishops do not intend to tell Catholics for whom or against whom to vote. Our purpose is to help Catholics form their consciences in accordance with God's truth. We recognize that the responsibility to make choices in political life rests with each individual in light of a properly formed conscience, and that participation goes well beyond casting a vote in a particular election."

**-USCCB** *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*



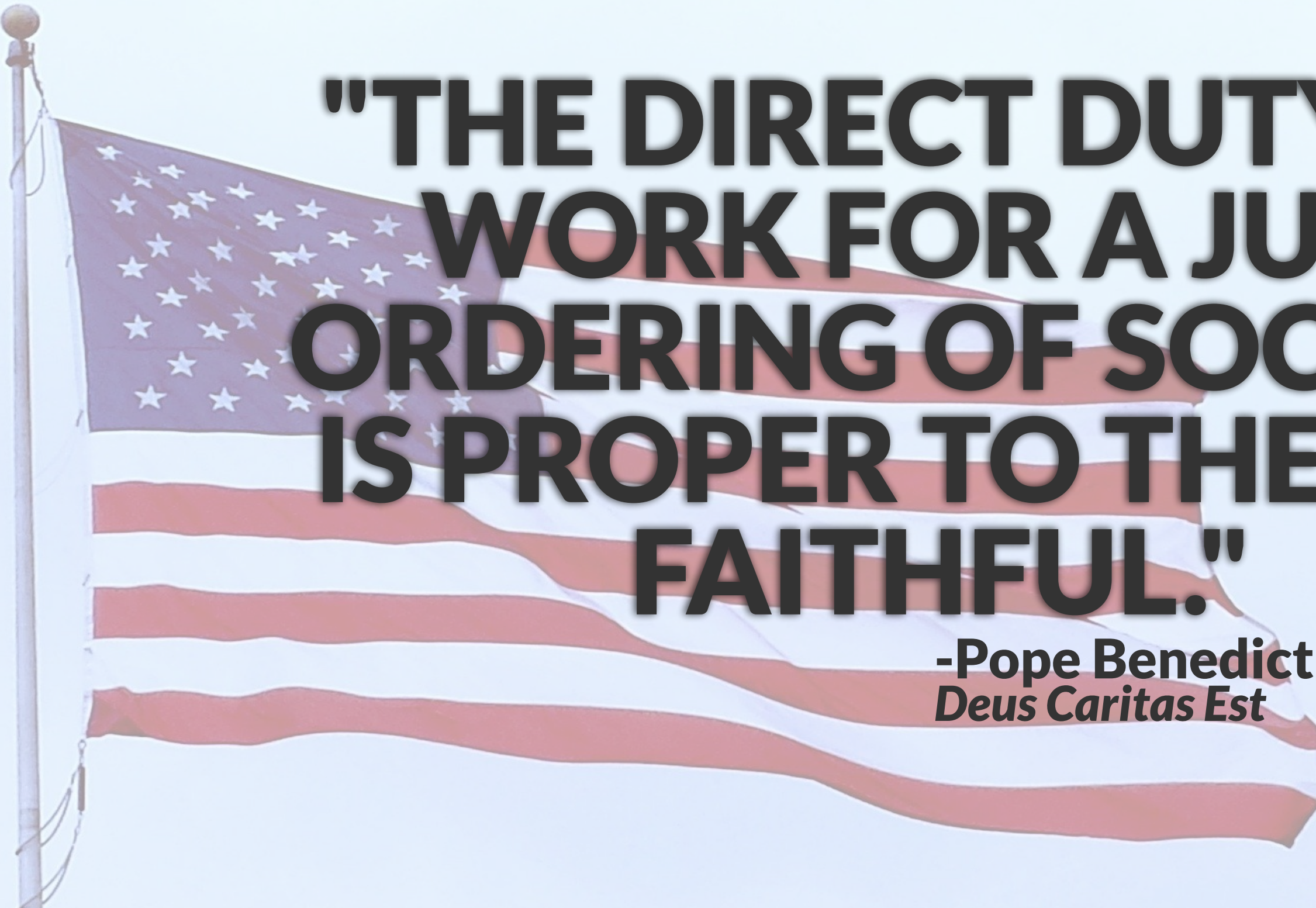


“Conscience is not something that allows us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere “feeling” about what we should or should not do.

Rather, conscience is the ***voice of God resounding in the human heart, revealing the truth to us and calling us to do what is good while shunning what is evil.”***

**-USCCB** *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*



An American flag is shown waving on a flagpole, positioned on the left side of the image. The flag features the stars and stripes of the United States flag. The text is overlaid on the right side of the flag.

**"THE DIRECT DUTY TO  
WORK FOR A JUST  
ORDERING OF SOCIETY  
IS PROPER TO THE LAY  
FAITHFUL."**

**-Pope Benedict XVI**  
*Deus Caritas Est*





**"RESPECT AND LOVE OUGHT TO BE  
EXTENDED ALSO TO THOSE WHO  
THINK OR ACT DIFFERENTLY THAN  
WE DO IN SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND  
EVEN RELIGIOUS MATTERS."**

**-GAUDIUM ET SPES (JOY AND HOPE) 28**