Heard on street corners in 1955:

‘T’ll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, it’s going to be impossible to buy a week’s groceries for $10.00.’

‘Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won’t be long before $1,000.00 will only buy a used one.’

‘If cigarettes keep going up in price, I’m going to quit. 20 cents a pack is ridiculous.’

‘Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging 7 cents just to mail a letter?’

‘If they raise the minimum wage to $1.00, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store.’

‘When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 25 cents a gallon. Guess we’d better off leaving the car in the garage.’

‘I’m afraid to send my kids to the movies any more. Ever since they let Clark Gable get by with saying DAMN in GONE WITH THE WIND, it seems every new movie has either HELL or DAMN in it.’

‘I read the other day where some scientist thinks it’s possible to put a man on the moon by the end of the century. They even have some fellows they call astronauts preparing for it down in Texas.’

‘Did you see where some baseball player just signed a contract for $50,000 a year just to play ball? It wouldn’t surprise me if someday they’ll be making more than the President.’

‘I never thought I’d see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric. They are even making electric typewriters now.’

‘It’s too bad things are so tough nowadays. I see where a few married women are having to work to make ends meet.’

‘It won’t be long before young couples are going to have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both work.’

‘I’m afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of trouble. I round up those creeping back parties and put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?’

‘Why do doctors leave the room while you change? They’re going to see you naked anyway.’

‘If Jimmy cracks corn and no one cares, why is there a stupid song about him?’

‘Can a hearse carrying a corpse drive in the carpool lane?’

‘If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from?’

‘If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?’

‘Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put lighters on the ground?’

‘If the professor on Gilligan’s Island can make a radio out of Kola, why can’t he fix a hole in a boat?’

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‘If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing?’

Great Human Questions…..

Can you cry under water?

How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?

Why do you have to “put your two cents in”, but it’s only a “penny for your thoughts”? Where’s that extra penny going to?

Why does a round pizza come in a square box?

What disease did cured ham actually have?

How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?

Why is it that people say they “sleep like a baby” when babies wake up like every two hours?

If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing?

Why are you IN a movie, but you’re ON TV?

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If you ever notice that when you blow in a dog’s face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him for a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?

Save the Earth…. it’s the only planet with chocolate!

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opposed to real leadership. The hierarchy is still reluctant to give up the
and old theories. It’s like trying to fit a size 8
fits to new realities, refuge is sought in the old ways
well. Namely, the powers-that-be are using 20
in the political world, and in the Church as
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of the common good, and the protection of the
weak and the vulnerable. We are sent forth from
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we gather. We are the salt of the earth,
flavoring our environment by our lives and
elements, not by flat or condemnation of those
who disagree with us.

Here’s what the American bishops have to say about this! The Church calls for a
different kind of political engagement: one shaped by the moral convictions of well-formed consciences. The Catholic
call to faithful citizenship affirms the importance of political participation and insists that public service is
an important vocation. As Catholics, we should be guided more by our moral convictions than by our attachment
to a political party or interest group. When necessary, our participation should help transform the party to
which we belong; we should not let the party transform us in such a way that we neglect or deny fundamental moral truths. (emphasis mine). We are called to
bring our needs and our political principles, our values and our votes, to help build a better world.

In Living the Gospel of Life, the bishops write that it is important for all citizens “to see beyond party politics, to analyze campaign rhetoric critically, and to choose their political leaders according to principle, not party affiliation or mere self-interest” (# 33).

Our bishops talk a lot about “principles.” What exactly do they mean? It has always been a very clear Church teaching that there is a distinct difference between moral principles and policy. In his encyclical Pacem in Terris, Pope John XXIII wrote: “[E]ach of us] has the right to life, to bodily integrity, and to the means which are suitable for the proper development of life; these are primarily food, clothing, shelter, work, rest, medical care, ory, and, finally, the necessary social services.” These human rights – these moral principles – have always been the basis of Catholic social teaching, dating to Jesus himself. Pope Benedict, in his encyclical, Deus Caritas Est, wrote that “charity
must animate the entire lives of the lay faithful and therefore also their political activity, lived as ‘social charity.’”

As Catholics, we really don’t have much wiggle room on moral principles. They are foundational to our Faith. Just as the Eucharist has great importance in our life as a Church, so too do our efforts to work for the dignity of every human being from conception to death, the pursuit of the common good, and the protection of the weak and the vulnerable. We are sent forth from
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Right now, the important thing is November,
and what it will bring for the future. We are mature, educated, responsible people. Ideally, everyone works together to formulate the best possible response. In reality, though, ideology, and human selfishness and stubbornness get in the way. Outright falsities and statements taken out of context sow seeds of distrust and fear. Your responsibility and mine is to see through the fog of words and half-truths used by all three political parties.

If you have access to a computer, there are two really excellent non-partisan sources where you can investigate the truth or falsity of various statements and claims made by politicians and special interest groups. One is www.Politifact.com. The other is www.Politifact.com. These folks really do their homework: Politifact especially is brutally honest in affirming or debunking various claims, regardless of political affiliation.

I close with a very interesting statement from the American Bishops…from what used to be their Committee on Social Reconstruction: “But the only safeguard of peace is social justice and a contented people. The deep unrest so emphatically and so widely voiced throughout the world is the most serious menace to the future peace of every nation and of the entire world. Great problems face us. They cannot be put aside; they must be met and solved with justice to all.”

The date of this statement: February 1919, right after World War I ended. So we’ve been there before!!!