

## **Bishop Edward C. Malesic Post-Election Statement**

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In our democratic process, we rely on the will of the people to make our major political decisions. We now have a president-elect and local, state and national winners from yesterday's election. Congratulations to all of them.

We appreciate all the candidates who offered many good ideas and proposed solutions to today's complex issues.

I would like to thank all of you for your participation in the voting process. As faithful followers of Christ, we know that we must continue to depend on God's mercy and guidance as we seek to move our nation forward together.

I offer a prayer for us all from the Roman Missal:

*O God, who arrange all things  
according to a wonderful design,  
graciously receive the prayers  
we pour out to you for our country and state,  
that, through the wisdom of its leaders  
and the integrity of its citizens,  
harmony and justice may be assured  
and lasting prosperity come with peace.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

God bless our country and all of you.