

The background features a large, stylized graphic of hands. On the left, a cluster of hands in a light beige color is positioned behind the title. On the right, a larger, more detailed graphic of hands in a grey color is shown, with fingers spread as if reaching out or gesturing. The overall composition is clean and modern, with a focus on the theme of human connection and service.

Doug's Reflection

07-05-26 THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

As we continue to celebrate our nation's 250th anniversary, I ask you: Are you doing everything you can to further the cause of Christ in your church, your home, and your workplace? When you show up at the ballot box, do you vote according to party loyalty or do you vote a Christian conscience? Do you even show up at the ballot box at all? Do you fulfill the "great commandment" found in Deuteronomy 6:5, and echoed by Jesus in Matthew 22:37? Please consider this: If being a Christian were a crime, and if you were arrested for it, would there be enough evidence to convict you? The answer will be found in the way you live your life. And that will go a long way toward answering a long-debated question: "Is the United States a Christian Nation?" If the answer to that question is to ever be a resounding "yes", then we must all answer the call to be Christian citizens.