

# The Ketteler Legacy

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As November comes closer and with elections just around the corner, we continue to be blasted by the media reporting insults, hatred, and the promotion of violence against people of different races and cultures by one candidate and the questionable honesty of the other. We find ourselves faced with a difficult decision. “What do we want our Country to be in the years to come? Are we willing to repeat the history and times prior to World War II when leaders of Germany and Italy found scape goats to blame the problems of the time on certain groups of people labeled as the cause of the problems facing these countries. It was so easy to blame the people because of their religious beliefs then as we seem to be doing now. We have a litany of complaints against anyone with a different skin tone than our own, language spoken, or cultural and religion beliefs.

In Joan Chittister’s The Legacy of Leadership, she points out the lies we are being told:

“The lie that there is:

- Nothing we can do about refugees except close our borders
- Nothing we can do about world poverty
- Nothing we can do about “free” trade
- Nothing we can do about inequality and justice
- Nothing we can do to provide education and health care, housing and food, roads and water, and just wages for everyone in the world.”

As we listen to the new reports, we must be very careful in sorting out lies and exaggerations from truth. We must not let our fears overcome our Christian values and love of neighbor. We as Daughters of Ketteler, must not lose our call to stand for justice, love, and peace in a world filled with fear and hurt.

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*Voting is the expression of our commitment to ourselves, one another, this country, and this world.* Sharon Salzberg

*Leadership is not about the next election, it's about the next generation.”*  
Simon Sinek