

### "Kamala Harris is an anti-Catholic bigot"

- Former Speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich

ut the anti-Catholic, partial-birth abortion beliefs of the New Democrats

# The Most anti-Catholic VP Candidate in US History

If Joe Biden was trying to win the Catholic vote by selecting California Senator Kamala Harris as his running mate, he couldn't have chosen a worse candidate. Harris is far and away the most anti-Catholic Senator in Washington. Her attack on Trump judicial pick Brian Buescher in 2018 for his membership in the Knights of Columbus was downright appalling. But that was just the tip of the iceberg. Harris' track record as a Senator, as well as her time spent as Attorney General of California, reveals she's a sworn enemy of the Catholic faith's moral teachings.

According to GovTrack.us, Kamala Harris was "the most liberal Senator" in the entire U.S. Senate in 2019. Her support for radical pro-LGBT, pro-abortion, anti-religious liberty legislation puts her squarely at odds with the Catechism of the Catholic church. It bears repeating that her extremism is one of the many reasons why the Democratic Party of our parents and grandparents no longer exists. Make no mistake: pro-life, God-fearing Catholics have been excommunicated from the New Democratic Party, thanks, in part, to Kamala Harris. And they are being replaced with anti-life, anti-God leftists who hate Christianity and who want to transform our country into a socialist utopia.

You don't have to look far to discover Harris' anti-Catholic, anti-life positions. Just this year, she referred to the Supreme Court's ruling in favor of religious liberty for the Little Sisters of the Poor as a "dangerous" precedent that represents a "setback for reproductive health." She's also expressed support for decriminalizing prostitution and voted twice against bills that would have ensured babies who survived abortions received medical care. Simply put, a Biden-Harris victory would result in the most anti-Catholic administration in American history.

Several courageous members of the Catholic hierarchy in the United States have raised the alarm about Harris's bigotry. On August 12, 2020, Bishop Thomas Strickland of Tyler, Texas published a <u>tweet</u> advising Catholics to "be awake" to her anti-Catholic views. Bishop Strickland also shared an article from *The Federalist* titled, "Kamala Harris's Anti-Catholic Assault Previews What Would Happen In Her Administration."

It's clear from her actions and statements that Kamala Harris is a threat to the living out of Catholic faith in the United States. She, along with Joe Biden, would expand abortion, roll

back religious liberty, and usher in a bigoted, socialist nation that imposes a "religious test" on Catholics and expels Christians of all kinds from public life. Previous generations of Catholic Democrats would be horrified by Harris' extremism. They would never in a million years vote for a ticket knowing she held these views. Below we present all the reasons why Catholics today can in no way vote for Joe Biden and Kamala Harris.

#### **Proof of Harris' anti-Catholicism**

1. While serving as Attorney General for the State of California, Kamala Harris fought to enshrine "gay marriage" into law. Despite millions of voters in California supporting Proposition 8, thereby defining marriage as one man and one woman, Harris refused to defend the measure in court. Her actions helped pave the way for the Supreme Court ruling *Obergefell vs. Hodges* in 2015 that allowed "same-sex" marriage to become legal. This is wholly at odds with the Catholic definition of marriage.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church: 1600: "The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring; this covenant between baptized persons has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament."

2. After helping legalize "gay marriage," Harris presided over multiple homosexual "weddings" where she witnessed the vows of lesbian women. These blasphemous ceremonies mock the sacramental character of marriage and promote the sin of Sodom and Gomorrah, which is one of the four sins that cries to heaven for vengeance.

"What can we think of marriage between people of the same sex? 'Matrimony' is a historical word. Always, in humanity, and not just in the Church, it was a man and a woman. It's not possible to change it just like that...it's not possible to change it. It is part of nature." - Pope Francis, speaking to French journalist Dominique Wolton in 2017.

"Homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered." – Persona Humana, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, December 29, 1975

3. In 2019, Harris rebuked "conversion" therapy for those who were seeking to rid themselves of unwanted sexual attraction to persons of the same sex. She called the therapy "an abusive practice used on LGBTQ+ people." The Church has long opposed the so-called "transgender" phenomenon and has called on all of God's children to live in accordance with biological realities.

"Today, children are taught in school that everyone can choose his or her sex...these forms of ideological colonization are also supported by influential countries...this is terrible!" – Pope Francis, July 2016

"Gender ideology leads to educational programs and legislative enactments that promote a personal identity and emotional intimacy radically separated from the biological difference between male and female." – 'Male and Female He Created Them: Towards a path of dialogue on the question of gender in education,' Congregation for Catholic Education, June 2019

4. Harris has said that the Supreme Court's decision to allow the Little Sisters of the Poor to not provide abortion-inducing drugs to their employees as part of their health insurance plans was a "dangerous" precedent that served as a "setback" for women. She argued that the Obamacare HHS mandate was essential to women's "reproductive health." The Catholic Church teaches that the state can in no way compel citizens to act against their deeply held religious beliefs.

"The Christian faithful...possess the civil right not to be hindered in leading their lives in accordance with their consciences." – Dignitatis Humanae, Second Vatican Council, 1965

"There are some who now seek to exclude religious belief from public discourse, to privatize it or even to paint it as a threat to equality and liberty...yet religion is in fact a guarantee of authentic liberty and respect." – Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, September 2010

"We've got to make sure that the rights of conscience and religious ability to publicly exercise one's religion is balanced with another good, namely the rights of people not to be discriminated against." – Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York, April 2015

5. Harris supports the use of taxpayer money for abortions and has said that abortions should be allowed up until birth. She is in favor of repealing the Hyde Amendment and has received a 100% rating from the National Abortion Rights Action League.

"In the case of an intrinsically unjust law, such as a law permitting abortion or euthanasia, it is...never licit to obey it, or to take part in a propaganda campaign in favor of such a law, or vote for it". — No. 73, Evangelium Vitae, Pope Saint John Paul II, 25 March 1995

"Why should taxpayers pay for something that they find morally objectionable?...When you're destroying a human life, this isn't health care." – Archbishop Joseph Naumann, Archbishop of Kansas City, June 2019

6. Harris told *The Root* website that she is in favor of decriminalizing prostitution. Prostitution is an affront to the human person, who is made in the image and likeness of God.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church: 2355 "Prostitution does injury to the dignity of the person who engages in it, reducing the person to an instrument of sexual pleasure. the one who pays sins gravely against himself: he violates the chastity to which his Baptism pledged him and defiles his body, the temple of the Holy Spirit. Prostitution is a social scourge."

7. In 2018, Senator Harris, in conjunction with Senator Mazie Horono of Hawaii, attacked Judge Brian C. Buescher (a pro-life Catholic) for belonging to the Knights of Columbus. Her questioning was a religious "litmus test" that was not only bigoted but unconstitutional.

"No religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States." – Article VI, Clause III, U.S. Constitution

"Senators Harris and Hirono are playing a game: They are engaged in selective religious profiling." – Bill Donohue, President, Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights

"Catholics take note...we need to be awake to this...Kamala's Anti-Catholic Assault Previews Her Potential Administration." – Bishop Joseph Strickland, Bishop of Tyler, Texas

## A Biden-Harris administration... would be a nightmare for the Catholic Church

If elected, <u>Joe Biden and Kamala Harris would seriously threaten the freedom of the</u> Catholic Church in the United States.

Both Biden and Harris support the radical, pro-LGBT "Equality Act." The bill, which Harris herself co-sponsored, would force Catholic schools across the country to implement aspects of the transgender agenda that go against basic Church teaching on human sexuality.

Both Biden and Harris have also said they strongly disagree with the Supreme Court allowing the Little Sisters of the Poor to deny their employees abortion-inducing drugs in their healthcare plans. A Biden-Harris administration will mean that the Little Sisters will be dragged back into court to defend their God-given right to follow their deeply held religious beliefs.

It's not just that Joe Biden and Kamala Harris themselves want to impose the far-left's secular agenda on people of faith. It's that a Biden-Harris administration will embolden radical Democrats in the Congress to dig in their heels on their anti-Catholic bigotry.

Recall that in 2017, Diane Feinstein infamously told Judge Amy Coney Barret that "the dogma lives loudly in you." Her colleague Dick Durbin of Illinois also asked Barrett if she was "an orthodox Catholic." The First Amendment to the Constitution guarantees every American freedom of religion. Yet today's new Democrats have a dangerous contempt for religious liberty, especially for Catholics who live out their faith. This will only get worse if Joe Biden and Kamala Harris are allowed to occupy the White House.

As it stands currently, Catholics make up 30.7 percent of Congress. That's 163 House and Senate members who are Catholic, the second largest bloc of legislators of a particular faith on Capitol Hill. Catholics are only second to Protestants who make up 48 percent of all Members of Congress. Yet nearly every Catholic who is a Democrat has given in to the far-left's demands. There is simply no room for moderate Catholic voices in the New Democratic Party.

#### Catholic clergy oppose the Biden-Harris agenda

There's a growing number of Catholic priests and bishops speaking out against the New Democratic Party and its anti-life, anti-God, anti-religious liberty policies.

Fr. James Altman from the Diocese of La Crosse, Wisconsin made a video recently where he said, "you cannot be Catholic and be a Democrat...their party platform absolutely is against everything the Catholic Church teaches...repent of your support of that party and its platform or face the fires of hell." <sup>2</sup> Fr. Altman's video went viral and in less than two months, it has been seen more than 1 million times.

Bishop Joseph Strickland of Tyler, Texas publicly thanked Fr. Altman for his video and echoed his remarks by <u>tweeting his support</u> for him. "As the Bishop of Tyler, I endorse Fr. Altman's statement...Thank you Fr. Altman for your COURAGE."

Other clergy have also spoken out against the extremism of Democratic Party:

"The Democrat Party has made a covenant with evil. They are in bed with the abortion industry. They want absolutely no restrictions on abortion...they consider it a basic right, and they want us to pay for it...this is a party now that does not respect the freedom of the Church...if a party doesn't respect the freedom of the Church, how can the Church be neutral?" – Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director, Priests for Life <sup>3</sup>

Fr. Stephen Imbarrato, a long-time pro-life activist, told LifeSiteNews that Joe Biden's actions have caused "multiple grave scandals against our Catholic faith." Imbarrato said that Biden violates his Catholic faith by supporting abortion, contraception, the LGBT agenda, same

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Faith on the Hill, PEW Research Center, January 3, 2019.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> WATCH: Priest warns US voters; 'You cannot be Catholic and be a Democrat, LifeSiteNews, August 31, 2020

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Pro-life, pro-Trump priest responds to critics: Democrat Party 'allied with evil,' LifeSiteNews, July 29, 2020

sex "marriage," and by remaining silent as left-wing organizations attack Catholic Churches and property. <sup>4</sup>

Other high-ranking clergy in the United States have also called out Joe Biden the Democratic Party for their support for policies diametrically opposed to Church teaching.

"It is not possible to be a Catholic in good standing and support abortion or assisted suicide, to promote unnatural sexuality, or to seek to push people of faith out of the public square...those who do so – Catholic or not – are helping hollow out our culture and contributing to its demise." – Archbishop Samuel Aquila, Archbishop of Denver, Colorado <sup>5</sup>

"If you don't hold that abortion is the preeminent moral issue of our time, and if you don't struggle to justify voting for a candidate whose record or policy would favor or even expand abortion, then you probably aren't forming a Catholic conscience in preparation to vote." Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski, Archbishop of St. Louis <sup>6</sup>

"The 2020 Democratic Party platform states that Democrats believe unequivocally that every woman should be able to 'access safe and legal abortion'.... Vice President Biden [has] pledged to restore the Obama-Biden policy that mandates churches, businesses, colleges, and religious orders like the Little Sisters of the Poor...provide coverage for abortion pills in their employees' health insurance plans." – Bishop Thomas Paprocki, Bishop of Springfield, Illinois <sup>7</sup>

During <u>a recent interview</u> with Catholic Action for Faith and Family, Cardinal Raymond Burke said Joe Biden should not present himself for the Eucharist.

"Certainly, he is not a Catholic in good standing, and he should not approach to receive Holy Communion...a Catholic may not support abortion in any shape or form...it is one of the most grievous sins against human life and has always been considered to be intrinsically evil. And therefore, to support the act is a mortal sin." <sup>8</sup>

The New Democrats have gone to such an extreme that they now embrace infanticide, showing heartless contempt for life itself, which no person with a conscience should do, Catholic or not. Favoring infanticide is now an ideological purity litmus test for the new Democrats. And it will only get worse should Joe Biden and Kamala Harris, the most anti-Life, anti-religious liberty, anti-God presidential ticket ever created.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Pro-life priest denounces 'Catholics for Biden' as scam: 'No Catholic can vote for Biden,' LifeSiteNews, September 4, 2020

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Religious freedom is on your ballot, Denver Catholic, September 25, 2020

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> We're called to form our conscience in accord with Catholic teaching, St. Louis Review, October 1, 2020

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Catholic bishop blasts Joe Biden: He will force Americans to fund abortions, LifeNews, September 24, 2020

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Cardinal Burke provides Catholic Voting Guidance, Catholic Action for Faith and Family

Catholics have a duty to protect and enhance the common good of their countries. One of the best ways they can do that is by voting. This election season, Catholics must ensure that the radical, anti-Catholic bigotry of Kamala Harris is kept far away from the White House.

How many more examples of anti-Catholic sentiment are needed before Catholics finally abandon the Democrat Party ship? Truly, this is no longer your Catholic grandparents' Democrat Party. I suspect your grandparents would sadly agree.

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