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## Catholics Call for Biden's Excommunication

Despite labeling himself a devout Catholic, U.S. President Joe Biden is excommunicated. That is the view of Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, the former apostolic nuncio (Vatican ambassador) to the United States.

"Joe Biden has incurred *latæ sententiæ* excommunication, and as such must be expelled from the churches and not admitted to Communion," Viganò wrote in a formal statement issued on March 31, Easter Sunday. The prelate accused the president of causing unprecedented scandal in dedicating that Holy Day to so-called transgressors.



AP Images  
Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò

Viganò's decree, which does not formally bind Biden, is nevertheless a scathing rebuke. *Latæ sententiæ* excommunication refers to self-imposed banishment from membership in the Catholic Church and participation in its sacraments. Crimes such as overt heresy or schism incur this automatic penalty, as does egregiously immoral behavior by an unrepentant Catholic. *Latæ sententiæ* excommunication requires no formal declaration by ecclesiastical authority.

"The unprecedented and scandalous proclamation of March 31 as 'Transgender Visibility Day' by self-styled U.S. President Joe Biden — who dares to declare himself a Catholic — constitutes a most serious offense to God and to millions of Catholics and Christians in America and around the world, before which it is impossible not to react with due firmness," said Viganò, who now serves as titular archbishop of Ulpiana, Kosovo.

"I urge American citizens and their representatives in government to recognize the total unworthiness of Joe Biden to hold an institutional position, which it is well known that he used fraudulent and manipulative action to achieve in the 2020 Presidential Election," Viganò continued, urging all Christians to pray for God's mercy on the United States. He accused the nation of a litany of crimes, including abortion, euthanasia, abuse, and "the increasingly arrogant display of Satan worship" in media and entertainment, creating a "world awash in execrable perversions that cry out to Heaven for vengeance."

Denouncing the U.S. federal government, he condemned "the total moral corruption of the top echelons of civil authority, enslaved to criminal lobbies," who compromise people's health by forcing on them "experimental serums revealed to be a biological weapon of population decimation" and who pursue "the mad provocation of a [deadly] world conflict in order to bury the horrendous sexual and financial scandals of a power that is now the enemy of its citizens."

"Servants of darkness" and their "Luciferian hatred" are terms he used to describe those who "celebrat[e] perversions and vices on the very holy Day when we honor the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ."



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“Christians are progressively banished from civil society and considered a threat to the subversive project of the New World Order, while a minority of the vicious and perverted claim to erect their deviations as the universal norm,” he wrote. “Here is the ‘visibility’ of Biden and the woke ideology, celebrating a macabre mad dance to the abyss.”

Viganò is hardly a lone voice, though he might be the strongest among a growing chorus of Catholics who note Biden’s de facto excommunication and want to see an official reprimand by ecclesiastical authority, such as Biden’s bishop or even the pope.

“Such a person who claims to be Catholic and yet promotes in such an open, obdurate and aggressive way a crime like procured abortion is in the state, at least, of apostasy,” Cardinal Raymond Burke told Catholic Action for Faith and Family. Burke is a canon law expert and former head of the Vatican’s highest court. He declared that Biden “is not a Catholic in good standing,” and said the president’s bishop should confront him and urge repentance. If Biden remains inflexible, the bishop should excommunicate him.

Fellow Cardinal Gerhard Müller, who previously led the Vatican’s highest doctrinal office, also believes that, for his support of abortion, Biden should be excommunicated. “It’s absolutely unacceptable that you can say you are a Catholic and promote and justify [the] killing of human beings,” he told LifeSiteNews in March, pointing out that Church law forbids reception of Holy Communion by those who obstinately support abortion, even if they are not formally excommunicated. Müller said that while Biden is “nominally a Catholic, in reality he is a Nihilist,” — a person who believes that morality is subjective and arbitrary.

Archbishop Joseph Naumann of Kansas City told *Catholic World Report* in 2021 that Biden “should stop defining himself as a devout Catholic” due to his support for infanticide, and it was for the same reason in 2019 that Father Robert Morey of South Carolina refused Communion to then-candidate Biden.



Joe and Jill Biden (AP Images)

Since Biden assumed the presidency, bishops in Rhode Island, Texas, Tennessee, Colorado, Illinois, and Pennsylvania have protested his receiving the Blessed Sacrament unless he publicly repents of supporting homosexual “marriage” and abortion. However, Cardinal Wilton Gregory of Washington, D.C., has announced that he will not refuse the president any sacraments, though the liberal prelate acknowledged recently on CBS’s *Face the Nation* that Biden is a “cafeteria Catholic” who “picks and



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chooses” which parts of the faith he wants to follow.

However, that’s not an option for Catholics, who are called to “keep the Faith whole and undefiled,” according to the *ex cathedra* decree of Pope Eugene IV at the Council of Florence in 1439. Therefore, following the “most pro-abortion State of the Union address in the history of the United States,” LifeSiteNews launched a petition to “Urge U.S. Bishops to excommunicate Joe Biden for pledging to restore *Roe v. Wade*.” (In that speech Biden stated, “If Americans send me a Congress that supports the right to choose, I promise you: I will restore *Roe v. Wade* as the law of the land again.”)

Formal excommunication of a government leader would hardly be without precedent. Saint Ambrose of Milan anathematized Emperor Theodosius for ordering the Massacre of Thessalonica in 390 A.D. Pope Gregory VII excommunicated Holy Roman Emperor Henry IV in 1076 for usurping Church authority to appoint bishops. And in 1809, Pope Pius VII condemned Napoleon Bonaparte after the French emperor annexed the Papal States and imprisoned the pope.

In these and similar cases, the secular leaders eventually repented and were reconciled with the Church, which is actually the point of excommunication — to warn a wayward Catholic of the peril to which he is exposing his soul and urge him to amendment.

So far, neither the pope, nor the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops nor Biden’s own bishop have made that charitable overture, leaving him in what their church defines in Canon 915 of the Catholic Code of Canon Law as “manifest grave sin.” Objectively speaking, by their own law, he is damned for eternity should he die in that state.

What are Christians to do in the face of such scandal evinced by both ecclesiastical and civil leadership? Viganò ended his Easter message with an inspirational call to action: “Arise, children of Light: stand up and raise your voices, for in the face of these crimes silence becomes complicity. Arise, Christians: rise up to avert the scourges that loom over the nations because of usurped and perverted power. God calls you to be his witness, to fight for Good, and to denounce the conspiracy of an authority openly subservient to Satan. May the Risen Christ, triumphant over death and sin, inflame you with faith, charity and holy courage at this crucial stage of Human History.”



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