

# [***FACT CHECK: Is Joe Biden 'Facing Excommunication' From The Catholic Church?; The claim is false and has been debunked by USA Today***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6BVR-TP21-DXXD-717T-00000-00&context=1516831)

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[*Link to Image*](https://cdn01.dailycaller.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/GettyImages-2147906491-scaled-e1713550459147.jpg)

A post [*shared on Facebook*](https://www.facebook.com/AMERlCANBORN/posts/pfbid02Wj7CGhCiU8ouqiQihZHQ74KE6dgDkeCHgSLhE5wK7B9VokKqWxccTsApo73tiFLrl) claims President Joe Biden is purportedly facing excommunication from the Catholic Church.

**Verdict: False**

The claim does not appear on the Holy See's website, the White House's website, or the White House's verified social media accounts. In addition, USA Today debunked the claim.

**Fact Check:**

Biden was not included in TIME Magazine's list of the “100 Most Influential People” for 2024, according to [*Fox News*](https://www.foxnews.com/media/joe-biden-left-time-100-most-influential-list-first-time-presidency). Biden made the magazine's list the first three years of his presidency, the outlet reported.

“BREAKING: Biden facing excommunication from the Catholic Church,” the Facebook post purports. The post, which has garnered over 1,000 likes as of writing, does not provide a source to support its claim.

The claim is false. The claim does not appear on the [*Holy See's website*](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/pont-messages/2024.index.html). The claim also has not been reported on by Catholic media outlets, such as the [*National Catholic Register*](https://www.ncregister.com/search?q=Biden+facing+excommunication+from+the+Catholic+church) or the [*Catholic News Agency*](https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/results?q=Biden+facing+excommunication+from+the+Catholic+church#gsc.tab=0&gsc.q=Biden%20facing%20excommunication%20from%20the%20Catholic%20church&gsc.page=1). [***(RELATED: Fact Checking Biden's Claim About His Uncle's Death)***](https://checkyourfact.com/2024/04/19/fact-check-bidens-claim-uncles-death/)

Likewise, Check Your Fact has found [*no credible news reports*](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=09379ecd0b6efd91&sca_upv=1&q=BREAKING+Biden+facing+excommunication+from+the+Catholic+church&tbm=nws&source=lnms&prmd=nivsbmtz&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwicgbaO586FAxWLEFkFHczTDlcQ0pQJegQIDBAB&biw=1667&bih=877&dpr=2) to support the claim. In fact, the opposite is true. [*USA Today*](https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/factcheck/2024/04/12/biden-excommunication-fact-check/73292628007/) debunked the claim via an April 12 article. Additionally, the claim is neither referenced on the [*White House's website*](https://www.whitehouse.gov/?s=BREAKING+Biden+facing+excommunication+from+the+Catholic+church) nor its verified [*social*](https://www.facebook.com/profile/100069123883596/search?q=BREAKING%20Biden%20facing%20excommunication%20from%20the%20Catholic%20church&filters=eyJycF9jcmVhdGlvbl90aW1lOjAiOiJ7XCJuYW1lXCI6XCJjcmVhdGlvbl90aW1lXCIsXCJhcmdzXCI6XCJ7XFxcInN0YXJ0X3llYXJcXFwiOlxcXCIyMDI0XFxcIixcXFwic3RhcnRfbW9udGhcXFwiOlxcXCIyMDI0LTFcXFwiLFxcXCJlbmRfeWVhclxcXCI6XFxcIjIwMjRcXFwiLFxcXCJlbmRfbW9udGhcXFwiOlxcXCIyMDI0LTEyXFxcIixcXFwic3RhcnRfZGF5XFxcIjpcXFwiMjAyNC0xLTFcXFwiLFxcXCJlbmRfZGF5XFxcIjpcXFwiMjAyNC0xMi0zMVxcXCJ9XCJ9IiwicnBfY2hyb25vX3NvcnQ6MCI6IntcIm5hbWVcIjpcImNocm9ub3NvcnRcIixcImFyZ3NcIjpcIlwifSJ9) [*media*](https://twitter.com/search?lang=en&q=%22BREAKING%20Biden%20facing%20excommunication%20from%20the%20Catholic%20church%22%20(from%3AWhiteHouse)%20lang%3Aen&src=typed_query) [*accounts*](https://www.instagram.com/whitehouse/). Biden also has not publicly commented on the claim via his [*personal*](https://twitter.com/search?lang=en&q=%22BREAKING%20Biden%20facing%20excommunication%20from%20the%20Catholic%20church%22%20(from%3AJoeBiden)%20lang%3Aen&src=typed_query) or [*government X accounts*](https://twitter.com/search?lang=en&q=%22BREAKING%20Biden%20facing%20excommunication%20from%20the%20Catholic%20church%22%20(from%3APOTUS)%20lang%3Aen&src=typed_query).

Although the Catholic Church has not excommunicated Biden, Cardinal Gerhard Muller has joined U.S. bishops in calling for Biden to be excommunicated over his stance on abortion, according to [*Catholic Citizens.org*](https://catholiccitizens.org/news/106599/exclusive-cardinal-muller-joins-calls-for-us-bishops-to-excommunicate-biden/). Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, former Apostolic Nuncio to the U.S., also called for Biden to be excommunicated in a [*lengthy X post shared*](https://twitter.com/CarloMVigano/status/1774381825831432571) on Mar. 31.

STATEMENT of H.E. Msgr. Carlo Maria Viganò, Archbishop, former Apostolic Nuncio to the United States of America

on the scandalous proclamation of March 31 as “Transgender visibility day” by “president” Joe Biden.

Tthe word Apocalipse, in Greek, means unveiling, revelation. This... [*pic.twitter.com/TioiRK10we*](https://t.co/TioiRK10we)

- Arcivescovo Carlo Maria Viganò (@CarloMVigano) [*March 31, 2024*](https://twitter.com/CarloMVigano/status/1774381825831432571?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)

In 2021, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) threatened to ban Biden from receiving communion due to his stance on abortion, [*The Guardian*](https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/jun/19/biden-threatened-with-communion-ban-over-position-on-abortion) reported. Biden is only the second Catholic U.S. president after former President John F. Kennedy, according to the [*Pew Research Center*](https://www.pewresearch.org/short-read/2021/01/20/biden-only-second-catholic-president-but-nearly-all-have-been-christians-2/).

Check Your Fact has contacted the Holy See for comment and will update this piece accordingly if one is received.

**Graphic**

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA - APRIL 18: U.S. President Joe Biden speaks during a campaign event at Martin Luther King Recreation Center on April 18, 2024 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. U.S. President Joe Biden is on a multi-city tour of the battleground state of Pennsylvania where he renewed calls to increase taxes on wealthy Americans and large corporations. (Photo by Drew Hallowell/Getty Images)

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