



## “Democrats Slam the Door on Catholics”

- Cardinal Timothy Dolan

*Catholics educating  
Catholics about the  
anti-Catholic, partial-birth  
abortion beliefs  
of the New Democrats*

## Democrats to Catholics “Catholics Not Welcome!”

Anyone who thinks of themselves as a Catholic **AND** a Democrat would do well to rethink their allegiance to the Democrat Party before Election Day, November 3, 2020. Or else they’ll be unwittingly aiding and abetting a vicious assault on their faith. That’s because the Democrat Party where most of our parents and grandparents found a comfortable home no longer exists. Today, Orthodox Catholicism is no longer tolerated in the new Democrat Party. In fact, faith itself is held in contempt because the new Democrats promote a radical Leftist agenda that is anti-Catholic, anti-God, and advocates the murder of innocent babies.

Is this claim an exaggeration? If so, then how else are we to explain a Democrat leadership that tries to remove mention of God from its party platform, questions membership in the Knights of Columbus, demands abortion infanticide up to the moment of birth (and even after), sees something evil in those of us who support traditional marriage, and uses the judicial power and might of the State to persecute the Little Sisters of the Poor?

It’s now crystal clear from recent actions and statements by national Democrats that they want to return to the anti-Catholic bigotry of the past by using the power of the government to force Catholics to change their religious beliefs, impose a “religious test” on Catholics, and expel Catholics from public life. Previous generations of Catholic Democrats would be startled and even dropped-jaw horrified by the new Democrat Party’s animus towards Catholic faith and practice. Consider these examples:

### Background Documentation

1. *The Democrats have abandoned Catholics* subhead: **If you value religious education or life’s sanctity, you’re not welcome in the party** – Wall Street Journal article by Cardinal Timothy Dolan, the Archbishop of New York, March 22, 2018.

“An esteemed pro-life Democrat in Illinois, Rep. Dan Lipinski, effectively was blacklisted by his own party. Last year, Democratic National Committee (DNC)

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Chairman Tom Perez insisted that pro-life candidates have no place in the modern Democratic Party.”

Cardinal Dolan went on to conclude “. . . I’m a pastor, not a politician, and I’ve certainly had spats and disappointments with politicians from both of America’s leading parties. But it saddens me, and weakens the democracy millions of Americans cherish, when the party that once embraced Catholics now slams the door on us.”

2. Cardinal Dolan, reacting to Governor Andrew Cuomo (D-NY) signing and publicly celebrating the passage of an abortion bill that legalizes abortion up until the point of birth.

“Ghoulish, grisly, gruesome – these are the words that people, independent observers are using about this so-called reproductive health act,” Dolan said. Fox News, Jan. 28, 2018

In a New York Post article, Cardinal Dolan stated, “It’s been a rough time for faithful Catholics recently in our state government’s frantic rush for ‘progressive’ ideas.”

He commented on the late-term abortion law:

“I’m thinking first of the ghoulish radical abortion-expansion law, which allows for an abortion right up to the moment of birth; drops all charges against an abortionist who allows an aborted baby, who somehow survives the scissors, scalpel, saline and dismemberment, to die before his eyes; mandates that, to make an abortion more convenient and easy, a physician need not perform it; and might even be used to suppress the conscience rights of health care professionals not to assist in the grisly procedures.”

Thank you Cardinal Dolan for pointing out the inhumanity of the bill to kill a baby and that something is terribly wrong in our nation when Catholics could be coerced by law to assist in killing of a baby during birth.

3. Senators Kamala Harris (D-CA) and Mazie Hirono (D-HI) during a December 2018 Senate Judiciary Committee hearing of Judge Brian C. Buescher (a pro-life Catholic) for the District of Nebraska, asked whether belonging to the Knights of Columbus (a highly regarded Catholic organization) could prevent him from hearing cases “fairly and impartially.”
4. Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ), during the same December 2018 Senate Judiciary Committee hearing applied a “religious test” to Judge Buescher when he brought up

- pro-life statements Buescher made during his run for Nebraska Attorney General in 2014 when he stated: “Why should a litigant in your courtroom expect to get a fair hearing from an impartial judge in a case involving abortion rights?”
5. Senator Diane Feinstein (D-CA), in a September 2017 Senate Judiciary Committee hearing, led the attack on Catholic Judge Amy Coney Barrett saying, “The dogma [Catholicism] lives loudly within you.” Soon thereafter, Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) criticized Barrett’s use of the term “orthodox Catholic” when he snarked “Do you consider yourself an “orthodox Catholic,” a term commonly used as a smear against observant Catholics.
  6. Democrat/socialist Senator Bernie Sanders (D-VT), during a June 2017 budget hearing regarding Russell Vought’s nomination for Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, attacked Vought for his Catholic faith by angrily condemning his faith as “*indefensible*” and “*hateful.*”
  7. Democrat Senators pressured Dr. Mark Green (a West Point graduate, decorated Army flight surgeon, and Tennessee State Senator) to withdraw his nomination for Secretary of the Army after they relentlessly criticized his strong Catholic faith which they declared was anti-Muslim.
  8. In October 2016, John Podesta, Hillary Clinton’s campaign manager, bragged about “infiltrating” the Catholic Church with liberals who could foment a “revolution” to force the “middle ages dictatorship” of the Catholic Church to accept same-sex marriage, abortion, and other sacrosanct liberal beliefs in emails released by WikiLeaks.
  9. Hillary Clinton said that “deep-seated cultural codes, religious beliefs and structural biases have to be changed” regarding the anti-abortion position of Catholics and other Christians at The Women of the World Summit, April 25, 2015.
  10. Governor Andrew Cuomo to Catholics: You’re not welcome.

*“Who are they? Are they these extreme conservatives who are right to life, pro-assault weapons, anti-gay? Is that who they are? Because if that’s who they are and they’re the extreme conservatives, **they have no place in the state of New York** because that’s not who New Yorkers are.”*

Friday January 17, 2014 on “The Capital Pressroom,” an Albany radio talk show.

11. Democrats “booed” God when party officials offered an amendment to their 2012 Presidential Platform re-inserting references to God.

Prior to that, Democrat leaders removed all references to God from their Platform. When public outcry forced the leaders to put forth an Amendment placing references to God back into the Platform, the convention-goers booed and many believe voted down the Amendment by voice vote.

Embarrassed Party Leaders ignored the voice vote and declared the Amendment passed.

12. The new Democrats are in clear violation of the U.S. Constitution by applying a “religious test” when it comes to the appointment of pro-life Catholic nominations for those who are willing to serve their country.

If the Democrats could have their way, they would rewrite the U.S. Constitution to now include: *Catholics need not apply!*

The fact is, Article VI of the U.S. Constitution prohibits the government from considering a person’s faith when assessing fitness to hold federal office. This clause is part of the original Constitution and has been a bedrock principle since the founding of the Republic.

13. After vowing not to do so, President Obama used his health care law to force the Little Sisters of the Poor and other non-profit organizations to provide health insurance coverage for contraception, sterilization, and abortion-inducing drugs, which the organization found morally objectionable. If they refused, the Little Sisters faced annual fines of \$70 million. After losing in the lower courts, the U.S. Supreme Court sided unanimously with the Little Sisters. While they won, nuns should never have had to defend their faith against the Obama administration’s left-wing and anti-God ideological extremism.<sup>1</sup>

## **Sins of Omission**

### **Where’s the Democrat Outrage in Congress????**

Sadly, not a single word of condemnation or outrage by the new Democrats in Congress has publicly come forth when Catholics were attacked or smeared during nomination hearings

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<sup>1</sup> *Obama’s War on the Little Sisters of the Poor*, by Ashley McGuire, RealClearPolitics, November 11, 2015; *Little Sisters of the Poor Win Big in ObamaCare Case*, by Roger Severino & Elizabeth Slattery, The Daily Signal, May 5, 2016

for top government jobs or by Democrat officials or legislatures advocating abortion up to the moment of birth.

As we saw earlier, a top Senate Democrat leader, Dick Durbin from Illinois (also a Catholic), helped lead the charge against Catholic Judge Amy Coney Barrett, a professor of law at Notre Dame Law School, during a September 2017 Senate Judiciary Committee hearing.

And during that very same hearing with Durbin was long time Democrat Senator Patrick Leahy from Vermont, also a Catholic and a member of the Knights of Columbus. Not once did Senator Leahy object to Durbin's insult or the attacks waged by Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) against Judge Barrett.

Even current House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, one of the most powerful Catholic Democrat politicians in the United States, sharply criticized the Archbishop of San Francisco, Cardinal Salvatore Cordileone, in an open letter for going forward with his pro-marriage speech at a National Organization of Marriage rally in June of 2014.<sup>2</sup>

And just recently, on August 24, 2019, the Democratic National Committee passed a resolution praising the values of the "religiously unaffiliated" as overwhelmingly sharing the Democrat Party's values while criticizing 'religious liberty' in a new resolution.<sup>3</sup>

The justification for the resolution was based on their polling that showed that religiously unaffiliated Americans overwhelmingly share the Democrat's Party values, with 70% voting for Democrats in 2018, 80% supporting same-sex marriage, and 61% saying immigrants make America society stronger.

And it's not as though Catholics are a minority in Congress. The fact is, Catholics make up 30.7 percent of all Members 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 second to Protestants who make up 48 percent of all Members of Congress.<sup>4</sup>

Other prominent Democrats like West Virginia Senator Joe Manchin, a Catholic and member of the Knights of Columbus, and Democrat presidential candidate John Delaney (MD-6), who was quick to jump on the "bash-Trump bandwagon" when the President called out Democrat Representatives Ilhan Omar (MN-5) and Rashida Tlaib (MI-13) as anti-Israel for their anti-Semitic rhetoric as Islamophobic and bigoted, have remained silent on anti-Catholic attacks, smears and bigotry; not a word, nada, zilch!

And so too with Catholic House Democrat Leaders like Speaker Nancy Pelosi and her Assistant Speaker Ben Ray Lujan (NM-3). Even Democrat Catholic Senate Leadership such as Illinois Senator Dick Durbin, Minority Whip, and Washington State Senator Patty Murray,

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<sup>2</sup> *What's Behind Pelosi's Attack on Archbishop Cordileone*, by Anne Hendershot, Crisis Magazine, June 17, 2014).

<sup>3</sup> *Democratic Party embraces nonreligious voters, criticizes 'religious liberty' in new resolution*, by Caleb Parke, Fox News, August 30, 2019.

<sup>4</sup> *Faith on the Hill*, PEW Research Center, January 3, 2019.

Assistant Minority Leader, have remained silent over attacks against Judge Brett Kavanaugh, Judge Amy Coney Barrett, and Judge Brian C. Buescher, as well as remarks by Virginia Governor Ralph Northam who defended state legislation to allow abortions up until the moment of childbirth.

And of the eight states and District of Columbia that allow abortion up to the moment of birth, all are controlled by Democrat legislatures/assemblies with the exception of just one, Alaska. These eight other legislative bodies include those of New York, Colorado, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon, Vermont, and the District of Columbia. Not a single word of objection or condemnation by Democrat Leaders or other Members of the Catholic Democrat Caucus.

By their very silence, the new Democrats are showing their true colors; anti-Catholic, anti-God, and anti-life.

### **The New Democrats Fail to Take Their Solemn Oath to Defend the Constitution Seriously**

Members of Congress take the following oath their first day in office:

*I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that **I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So help me God.***

Ironically, you'll note their oath of office pledging to support and defend the Constitution even ends with the words, "So help me God." Yet, the new Democrats daily violate their oath by failing to defend religious freedom.

All Americans of religious faith, **Catholic or not**, have reason to be concerned for their Constitutional right to exercise their religious freedom. It is increasingly threatened by our own elected representatives who ignore their sacred oath to defend the Constitution.

### **Conclusion**

The First Amendment to the Constitution guarantees every American freedom of religious conscience. Yet today's new Democrats show a dangerous contempt for religious liberty and for Catholics who live their faith in particular.

The new Democrats try to make being a practicing Catholic a disqualification for Senate confirmation for government service. Remember the unsubstantiated, made-up smears they used to try to derail President Trump's Catholic U.S. Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh? Did you approve of the new Democrats' shameful spectacle against this honorable man?

They disrespect the Catholic faith itself, calling it "hateful." And they show utter contempt for Catholic charities as innocuous as the Knights of Columbus and the Little Sisters of the Poor. Do YOU think these charities deserve to be attacked?

Indeed, the New Democrats have even 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. (Somewhere in hell, Hitler's SS Auschwitz Angel of Death, Josef Mengele, must be smiling at the new Democrats' ghoulish approval of murdering an innocent baby during birth.) Favoring abortion infanticide is now an ideological purity litmus test for the new Democrats. Do YOU pass their contempt-for-life litmus test? If not, they don't want you.

When the campaign manager of the Democrat presidential nominee refers to the Catholic Church as a "middle ages dictatorship," alarm bells should clang and sirens wail. This came to light in a Wikileaks exposé; John Podesta, campaign chief for Hillary Clinton, admits to creating an organization masquerading as Catholic in order to get Catholics to vote for liberal causes.<sup>5</sup>

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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<sup>5</sup> *WikiLeaks: Hillary Clinton Campaign Plots Revolution in Catholic Church*, by Rodney Pelletier, ChurchMilitant.com, October 12, 2016