

# **Drawing Aside the Purple Curtain**

*The Papal System Today: an Analysis of the News*

## **Trump and Biden: Courting the Roman Catholic Vote**

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(The reader is urged to also read the article, *The Donald Trump Victory*,<sup>1</sup> by Shaun Willcock, written after the 2016 US election. This would serve as a useful prelude to the following article.)

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### **Trump and Biden Both Courting the US Roman Catholic Vote**

As American presidential candidates do in every election, both the Donald Trump and Joe Biden presidential campaigns have sought to secure the massive Roman Catholic vote in the United States. This was especially so in what are called the swing states, where Roman Catholic demographic groups could mean the difference between winning and losing. *Both sides claim they represent a commitment to Roman Catholic social teaching.* And this should be of deep concern to all true Christians.

### **Biden Supported by Liberal and Socialist/Communist Roman Catholics, Despite Opposing Official Roman Catholic Teaching**

#### ***Biden is Pro-Abortion***

Joe Biden calls himself a Roman Catholic, and has been trying very hard to win the support of America's Papists. He is on record as saying, "Personally for me, faith, it's all about hope and purpose and strength, and for me, my religion is just an enormous sense of solace. I go to mass and I say the rosary. I find it to be incredibly comforting."<sup>2</sup> Yet this man has pledged to support taxpayer-funded abortion and to codify abortion in law. For this he was endorsed by the National Abortion Rights Action League. And when he chose the very pro-abortion Kamala Harris as his running mate, Planned Parenthood said it was "thrilled". In 2019 he was refused the Romish sacrament of the mass in South Carolina, in accordance with a 2004 diocesan policy which prohibited politicians who have supported legal protection for abortion from receiving it.<sup>3</sup>

#### ***Praising – and Threatening – Nuns***

Biden released a campaign video in which he credited his Roman Catholic faith, the Jesuit pope Francis I, and the example of nuns for his personal inspiration. In it he told how he met with Francis in the Vatican, then ran into a group of nuns outside. The nuns, he said, "to me, epitomize everything Pope Francis talked about in his homily and what he stands for. About generosity to other people, about reaching out, about making it a point to understand that we are our brother's keeper." He said the idea that people have an obligation to care for one another had been imprinted on him during his Roman Catholic upbringing, "being educated by the nuns". "That's what those lovely women I'm talking to symbolize to me," he said.<sup>4</sup> Yet if elected president, this arch-hypocrite, this liar, has said he will remove freedom of conscience protections from an order of nuns and open them up to lawsuits by

the government for failing to provide contraceptives to their employees!

How anyone can believe a single word this man utters is almost beyond comprehension. He professes to be a Roman Catholic to garner votes – but blatantly acts contrary to official Roman Catholic teaching.

Joe Biden is not faithful to traditional Roman Catholic teaching. He may however be *very* faithful to the Jesuit puppet-masters, who always play both sides. That is a different thing altogether.

### ***Liberal and Communist Roman Catholic Support for Biden***

There is a Roman Catholic coalition supporting Biden's bid for the presidency, called Catholics for Biden. These are "progressive" Roman Catholics; i.e. they are Socialist/Marxist, and support all kinds of things which Rome officially condemns, abortion being chief among these.

The co-chairs of Catholics for Biden are a revelation:<sup>5</sup>

\* Tim Kaine, a 2016 vice-presidential candidate. This man calls himself a Roman Catholic, and claims to be "personally opposed" to abortion, but still supports legal protection for abortion, opposes laws that challenge *Roe vs. Wade* (the US Supreme Court decision in 1973 that legalised abortion), and opposes efforts to end federal funding for Planned Parenthood, America's largest abortion provider. He also sponsored legislation which would have permanently repealed what was called the Mexico City Policy, which prohibits US foreign aid from supporting organisations that provide abortions. For all these efforts of his, this man has received perfect legislative ratings and endorsements from Planned Parenthood and abortion lobbyist NARAL.

\* California attorney general Xavier Becerra. This man, calling himself a Roman Catholic, opposed a bill that would penalize doctors performing sex-selective abortions, and defended State mandates requiring insurers to cover abortions, saying, "California has the sovereign right to protect women's reproductive rights." He, too, has received perfect ratings from Planned Parenthood and NARAL.

\* Pennsylvania Senator Bob Casey, who, despite calling himself a "pro-life" Democrat, voted against defunding Planned Parenthood in 2011, and received a 100% rating from NARAL.

\* Illinois Senator Richard Durbin. This man was prohibited from receiving the Roman Catholic mass in 2004 because he supported legally protected abortion – a prohibition which was declared to be still in effect in 2018.

\* Dr Carolyn Woo. She was for some years CEO of Catholic Relief Services.

\* Others who are co-chairs of the Catholics for Biden group are six members of Congress – all of whom have received 100% ratings from NARAL.

Joe Biden professes to be a faithful Roman Catholic – yet the Roman Catholic institution claims to be utterly opposed to abortion. This reveals Biden to be a liar who will say whatever will get him into the White House. It also reveals how certain powerful "progressive" priests, bishops and people are willing to wink at Biden's position on the murder of the unborn and other matters because they view the other issues he supports as more important for the advancement of Communism and of Roman Catholicism's power in America *through* Communism.

There was a time when any politician claiming to be a Roman Catholic and yet in favour of abortion would not have dared to utter the fact – but no more. If the reader is wondering why this is so and what has changed, read on.

To garner support for Biden, liberal Roman Catholics make much of Trump's personal character and moral failings. Another organisation campaigning for Biden is called Vote Common Good, whose outreach director is a Papist, Patrick Carolan. He said Roman Catholic voters should listen to the advice of Romish bishop, Robert McElroy of San Diego, who said, "a person's character is what's as important as any of these issues when considering who to vote for".<sup>6</sup> Of course, he failed – no doubt deliberately – to expand on *Biden's* moral failings and dubious character, only focusing on Trump's.

Carolan tried to downplay Biden's anti-Papist policies, claiming that a Biden administration would

not be as extreme on the abortion issue as critics were charging. This was a lie, and he knew it. He also said a Biden administration would be “willing to have discussions” on policies that reduce abortions. Reduce, maybe – but ban? No. Liberals and Socialists love to “hold discussions” with the opposing side – but always go ahead and do what they want anyway. Then they can claim that they only acted “after broad consultations”. It is always only window dressing. It is for show.

On the issue of religious freedom, Carolan downplayed it. He said, “We need to stop spreading the myth that our religious freedom is being violated”, and added that there is “not a war against Catholicism.” Well, he would say that – he is a Democratic Party supporter, and this party is today a Communist party. Communism (along with Romanism) is the world’s leader at violating religious freedom, so Carolan’s spin is worthless. Communist Romanists are working happily alongside Communists everywhere, but traditionalist, conservative Romanists are seen as the enemy by Communists.

### ***Conservative Roman Catholic Opposition to Biden***

While receiving great support from liberal/leftist Roman Catholic support groups, Biden faces strong opposition from a more conservative Roman Catholic political advocacy group, CatholicVote. It launched a campaign to reach Romanist voters in swing states to point out Biden’s anti-Papist political agenda. CatholicVote’s president, Brian Burch, said, “Biden’s record makes clear he will not protect our Catholic values or defend our way of life. For Catholics who cherish the faith and their freedom to live it, a Biden presidency represents an existential threat.”<sup>7</sup>

### ***Understanding What is Going On***

What is happening here? It can be incredibly confusing to the man in the street, this Roman Catholic presidential thing. Let me try to make it as simple as possible.

Things used to be cut and dried. Roman Catholics opposed abortion, and they opposed Communism. Yet now we have liberal Roman Catholics *supporting* abortion and Communism, as well as holding to other traditionally non-Roman Catholic policies. How can this be?

The explanation is to be found in *Jesuitism*.

The reader is urged to read my article entitled *The Jesuits, Their Pope, and the Plan to Fundamentally Change the Roman Catholic Institution*.<sup>8</sup> It goes into much greater detail than what will be said here. Today, although the traditional Roman Catholic doctrines still exist on paper, are still in effect officially, and are still proclaimed by priests and bishops the world over, “they are no longer given paramount place in Roman Catholic teaching. The Jesuits have seen to it that the modern ‘Church’ of Rome focuses primarily on issues of liberal/Socialist/Marxist politics, economics, and social justice. The emphasis is now on *this* world, the making of a supposedly better world in the here and now, rather than on teaching about a world to come. Spiritual theology is out; political liberation theology and social justice issues are in.”<sup>9</sup>

And the reason for this change? The Jesuits know well that the *world itself* has changed. They know that if they want the Vatican to retain control over the masses they have to change with the times, and support what they once opposed, so as to keep the masses happy. The world has swung massively to the left, Communism is the dominant global ideology now, and the Jesuits are nothing if not chameleons. They will say and do *anything* to retain and increase power – even deny Rome’s own teachings and support those who deny them.

## **Trump Supported by Conservative Roman Catholics**

### ***Surrounded and Supported by Roman Catholics***

Donald Trump won the Roman Catholic vote by six points in 2016, and has been going all-out to win

over the more conservative Roman Catholic population to his side in 2020. He is not a Roman Catholic himself, but the support he seeks from the huge Roman Catholic voting bloc in the United States should be of deep concern to every true Christian in America. He has also surrounded himself with very influential Romanists. These include, but are by no means limited to, Vice-President Mike Pence, who describes himself as an “Evangelical Catholic” (an oxymoron), and US Attorney General Bill Barr. Trump’s wife Melania is also a Romanist. She and her husband have met with Francis I in the Vatican.<sup>10</sup>

White Roman Catholic voters will be the deciding factor as to whether or not Trump is re-elected – *not* white Evangelicals as many think, according to a public policy scholar, Mark J. Rozell of George Mason University. White Evangelicals will vote for him, but white Roman Catholics in the Midwest are far more important to his campaign. *They* were the ones who propelled Trump to victory in 2016. “In 2016, Mr. Trump won Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin – states with heavy concentrations of Catholic voters – by merely 107,000 votes combined,” Rozell wrote. “[Hillary] Clinton handily won the national popular vote and Mr. Trump won the majority of Catholic voters. Exit polls had Mr. Trump holding a 52%-to-45% edge among Catholics.”<sup>11</sup>

Among American Roman Catholics, in particular whites, there has been a movement towards the Republican Party, largely due to two main factors: economic success and abortion. The Democratic Party is seen (rightly) as the party supporting radicals, rioters, Marxists, etc., which repels many more conservative Roman Catholics, especially whites; and it favours and supports abortion, which also repels many Roman Catholics. Among Hispanic Roman Catholics, the tendency is to support the Democratic Party, mainly because it is seen as the party which supports very liberal immigration policies.

### ***Understanding the Romish Hierarchy’s Supposedly Contradictory Support of – and Opposition to – Trump***

Part of Trump’s campaign to woo the Papist electorate includes his efforts to appoint federal judges who are not liberal, or Socialist/Marxist; his administration’s anti-abortion policies; his measures to protect religious freedom; etc. For these policies he has mostly been praised by the US Roman Catholic bishops. They have, however, criticised him for some of his other policies, such as on immigration, cutting down on the number of refugees the US allows in each year, and re-instating the federal death penalty.<sup>12</sup>

Why this strange, apparently contradictory approach to Trump? First, there is often a disconnect these days between the average Roman Catholic and his religious leaders. Many of the priests and bishops tend to be more far more liberal or Socialist/Marxist than the average Roman Catholic. Second, within the Romish hierarchy itself, especially now that the Jesuits rule the roost through their man, Francis I, Roman Catholic doctrine presents two different faces to the world: it is generally conservative when it comes to matters such as abortion, but extremely liberal and even Socialist/Marxist on matters such as immigration, the death penalty, etc. This is because the Vatican hierarchy is in a Jesuit vice-grip, with a Jesuit sitting on the papal throne and the Jesuits running the show as never before. Their plan is to radically change and reshape the “Church” of Rome, modernising it, making it more acceptable to the world. And to do this they are prepared to alter or re-interpret – or just simply ignore – various Romish doctrines and practices. Essentially the Jesuits, watching how the world is becoming increasingly secular, liberal, Socialist and Communist, and always wanting to be on the winning side, have been moving the “Church” of Rome away from its traditional doctrinal stance and towards an increasing focus on such things as social justice, radical environmentalism, secular humanism, Socialism/Communism, etc. I have written about this at length in my article, *The Jesuits, Their Pope, and the Plan to Fundamentally Change the Roman Catholic Institution*.<sup>13</sup>

The fact that Trump’s support comes from more conservative Romanists, not liberal or Marxist ones,

should not be of any less concern to the Christian! It is a fallacy to assume that it is only liberal or Socialist/Communist Roman Catholics who are a threat to America or the world. Long before Rome's Jesuits and other priests began to support Communism, the Roman Catholic institution was still the greatest threat to the world in existence. Even an America under huge *conservative* Roman Catholic influence will be in grave danger. History witnesses to this. Rome is all about *power*. Whether it achieves power through Marxist or conservative Roman Catholic influence is irrelevant to it – as long as power is achieved. And the Jesuits play both sides, although they presently favour the left. They would prefer a Biden victory, but they will work with Trump if he wins. For millions of American Roman Catholics, and their priests, are still traditionalists.

### ***Conservative Roman Catholics See Trump as Fighting against the NWO***

Trump addressed the National Catholic Prayer Breakfast (NCPB) in September 2020. This is an annual gathering of Roman Catholic leaders held in Washington, DC, begun in 2004 to promote the Roman pope John Paul II's call for a "New [Roman Catholic] Evangelization" of the world. The present pope, the Jesuit Francis I, sent greetings to the event. Introducing Trump, NCPB board member Leonard Leo said that Trump had "fiercely defended the culture of life", "more than any other president in my lifetime, and he's done so much more to embrace policies that reflect the morals, teachings, and objectives of our [Roman Catholic] faith."<sup>14</sup>

In his address Trump said, "Our nation is strong because of Catholics and all people of faith." He spoke against abortion and told of his plans to sign a "Born Alive" executive order to ensure that babies surviving abortions get the necessary medical care, saying that "every child, born and unborn, is made in the holy image of God."<sup>15</sup>

Another important aspect of the NCPB event was that it received a note from Roman Catholic archbishop, Carlo Maria Viganò, in support of Trump, which was read aloud at the event. I have written about Viganò before.<sup>16</sup> He is the traditionalist archbishop who has had to go into hiding because of his criticism of Francis I and other aspects of the present-day Vatican hierarchy. Viganò wrote:

"With deep emotion I have learned that President Donald J. Trump will be taking part in the *National Catholic Prayer Breakfast* on 23 September.... I therefore join all the participants in this extraordinary celebration and all American Catholics, who see in President Donald Trump the greatest defender of the supreme values of Christian civilization: of life, from conception to natural death; of the natural family composed of one man and one woman and children; and of love for the homeland: *One Nation Under God!* And, most importantly, he stands for defending the right to freely practice our Faith, thus allowing us more fully to honor God.

"The presidential elections in November represent an epochal challenge, a biblical challenge, the outcome of which will be decisive not only for the United States of America but for the whole world.

"It is necessary that all of you Catholics of America are well aware of the role that Providence has deigned to entrust to your President, and that you are aware of the extraordinary battle that he is preparing to fight against the demonic forces of the *deep state* and against the New World Order."<sup>17</sup>

Earlier this year in June, Viganò had written a letter to Trump himself, in which he had warned the president against secular and religious agents of the globalist New World Order. He wrote: "it appears that the children of darkness – whom we may easily identify with the deep state which you wisely oppose and which is fiercely waging war against you in these days – have decided to show their cards, so to speak, by now revealing their plans. They seem to be so certain of already having everything under control that they have laid aside that circumspection that until now had at least partially concealed their true intentions." He added that "just as there is a deep state, there is also a deep church that betrays its duties and forswears its proper commitments before God." And he said that some bishops are "subservient to the deep state, to globalism, to aligned thought, to the New World Order which they invoke ever more frequently in the name of a universal brotherhood which has nothing

Christian about it, but which evokes the Masonic ideals of those who want to dominate the world by driving God out of the courts, out of schools, out of families, and perhaps even out of churches.”<sup>18</sup>

Trump tweeted in reply to the Romish archbishop’s letter: “So honored by Archbishop Viganò’s incredible letter to me.”

Viganò is correct in discerning the fact that the New World Order is based on the tenets of Freemasonry. But what he does not discern is that Freemasonry itself was, and is, *under Jesuit direction!* The Jesuits manipulate Freemasonry.<sup>19</sup>

This support for Trump from influential conservative Roman Catholics is a very dangerous thing in itself – just as dangerous, in its own way, as the Marxist Roman Catholic support for Biden. Either way, whoever wins the 2020 election, *Rome wins.*

### ***The Catholicisation of America***

Trump nominated Judge Amy Coney Barrett, a Roman Catholic, to the US Supreme Court, to be the sixth Roman Catholic judge on the nine-person court. Think about that for a moment: two-thirds of the judges would be Roman Catholics! And let not the reader think this is a small and insignificant thing. It is a huge thing, and potentially very dangerous. It is no less dangerous merely because they are *conservative* Roman Catholics. The bottom line is that the United States is being increasingly *Catholicised*. It is falling under the spell of the Roman Catholic religio-political machine.<sup>20</sup> And this is absolutely deadly for the US, as it is for any other country.

Already, various Roman Catholic leaders and thinkers are rejoicing – which goes to show that they are well aware of the implications of this massive Catholicisation of key institutions in America. For example, Stephen Payne, dean of the Columbus School of Law at The Catholic University of America, said that Roman Catholics make good lawyers and judges (so he believed) because of the emphasis of reason in the Roman Catholic tradition. “It’s that commitment to reason that is an especially important contribution Catholic judges and lawyers... can make in today’s environment”, he said.<sup>21</sup> Payne, like other Romish academics, actually had the gall to say that there are many aspects of US law and the legal process that find their roots in Roman Catholic canon law!

Note this incredible statement of his: “People condemn the Inquisition, but the Inquisition was a step above the civil courts because there was real, procedural due process with the Inquisition that just didn’t exist in secular law.” Read that again, and then say that having conservative Roman Catholics in positions of supreme power in the United States is a good thing! It is *not* a good thing. It is a terrible mistake to assume that the only Roman Catholics who are dangerous to a country are liberal or Communist-sympathising ones. Far from it. Some of the worst crimes in history have been perpetrated by those who today would be called “conservative Roman Catholics”!

### ***Trump: NOT a True Conservative***

It is a huge mistake to assume that Donald Trump is a conservative on everything. On some issues he readily sides with the vilest of the vile. For example, the Log Cabin Republicans, a pro-LGBT group, in a tweet called Trump “the most pro-gay president in American history”; to which Trump tweeted in reply, “My great honor!!!”<sup>22</sup> This shocked conservative Roman Catholics, not to mention many other Trump supporters, and there was a scramble to do damage control. A member of the Catholics for Trump advisory board, Alfonso Aguilar, claimed that Trump was not endorsing every single position of the Log Cabin Republicans with his tweet. That may be, but the fact is that he was responding to the statement that he was the most pro-gay president in history. There’s no other way to interpret his tweet. This is how Aguilar tried to explain it: “As an orthodox Catholic, I just don’t see any problem with it. Catholics are not anti-gay. We understand the dignity of every human person, and everyone, including LGBT people, are created in the image of Our Lord.” Again: not the point. The point is that Trump considered it an honour to be described by a pro-sodomite group as the most pro-sodomite president in history.

Again, merely being anti-abortion is not all there is to it.

And it got worse. The Log Cabin Republicans also noted that Trump was “the first president in American history to be pro-gay marriage from his first day in office.” Another seeking to do damage control was Romish priest, Frank Pavone, a former advisory member of Catholics for Trump. He pointed out that Trump had advanced many policies which were not in support of the LGBT agenda, such as taking action to protect the religious freedom of churches from anti-discrimination ordinances. Again, all true, and as far as it goes Christians in America can rejoice in these actions. But this does not detract from the fact that Trump is *not* as anti-LGBT as many of his supporters would like everyone to believe. He may be conservative on some things, but he is not a conservative. There is a very big difference.

## **Trump and Biden Woo Roman Catholics at a Virtual Dinner**

Both Trump and Biden sought to win over Roman Catholic voters by their remarks at a virtual Al Smith Dinner on 1 October. This annual dinner is hosted by the Al Smith Memorial Foundation, named for a former New York governor who was the first Roman Catholic to be nominated for US president in 1928. In every presidential election year the New York Romish archdiocese invites the presidential nominees of both major parties to the dinner.

Biden emphasised that he was a Roman Catholic, saying, “I know for me, my Catholic faith has helped me through the darkness”. He cited the “tenets of Catholic social teaching that cuts across all confessional faiths – what you do to the least among us, you do to Me” – as being a guide for him in public office.

Trump pointed to his record on religious liberty and abortion. He praised the charitable response of Roman Catholics in New York and around the US to the coronavirus issue, saying, “As Jesus Christ said in the Gospel, ‘Everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.’” He also touted his support for the Roman Catholic “Church”, including providing legal relief to an order of nuns and adoption agencies, and nominating Roman Catholic Judge Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court. He also said: “Anti-Catholic bigotry has absolutely no place in the United States of America. It predominates in the Democrat party, and we must do something immediately about it, like a Republican win – and let’s make it a really big one.” And: “It was my great honor to help the Catholic Church with its schools. They needed hundreds of millions of dollars nationwide, and I got it for them. Nobody else. I got it for them. I hope you remember that on November 3rd, but I got it for them.” And: “we are defending the sacred right to life. Remember that when you vote.”<sup>23</sup>

Remarks such as these should alert true Christians to the fact that Trump, despite all the good he has done and the stand he takes on certain issues, is cosying up to the immensely powerful and influential Roman Catholic “Church” in America. This is never, ever a good thing. It is ominous.

## **Conclusion**

Donald Trump is certainly not a true Christian. American Evangelicals support him in droves, because he stands for many (many, but not all) of the issues which are important to them. So far so good. But the great mistake many of them make is that, *because* he stands for issues dear to their hearts, and because at times he *talks* like an Evangelical, “he must be a Christian.” This is astounding blindness on their part. No true Christian could ever accept, based on the overwhelming evidence, that Donald Trump, at this stage, is a regenerated and converted man. He most certainly is not.<sup>24</sup> Moreover, his close association with conservative and very influential Roman Catholics not only is further evidence that he is not a true Christian, but is a cause for very deep concern.

But even so, as I wrote in *The Donald Trump Victory*, “when it comes to electing political leaders, Christians must never lose sight of the fact that they are participating in a legitimate, but distinctly *earthly* activity. They are choosing leaders of an earthly country. And in choosing them, they must do so based on which candidate would be the best qualified to *govern an earthly country*.”<sup>25</sup> For all his faults, Trump is better for the United States of America than Joe Biden – at least in certain respects,

and in the sense that the Catholicisation of America – which *will* continue under a Trump second term – will occur more slowly under him than under Biden. But that is all that may be said.

“He is no Christian. But throughout history God has moved even wicked men to do certain things which were good for the people under them. One just has to think of King Cyrus as one example.”<sup>26</sup> Cyrus was a heathen man; he worshipped idols; but he ended up being good for the Jews, in that he let them return to their homeland and rebuild Jerusalem and the temple. In political matters, even heathen men may at times do much that the Lord’s people are able to rejoice about; for it is always true that, “The king’s heart is in the hand of the Lord, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will” (Prov. 21:1).

Ronald Reagan’s administration was described as the most Roman Catholic in American history up to that point. Reagan’s support for the Roman pope, John Paul II, and the ongoing Catholicisation of America which occurred under his presidency was a very bad thing. But it cannot be denied that in many respects Ronald Reagan did an immense amount of good for America. And the Trump administration is the same.

That’s the thing about politics. There are politicians who are disastrous for their country, and there are those who are good in some ways and bad in others. No earthly politician can ever be perfect, and the kind of Trump idolatry displayed by many Americans should repel all true Christians. When it comes to politics, Christians should be grateful for any good a leader may do, while at the same time being very aware of his errors and any dangerous steps he takes. Trump, like Reagan, has done much for which Americans can be grateful indeed. But they should not let those good things blind them to the great dangers of some of the other steps he is taking. His position on such matters as abortion, immigration, etc., can be easily and enthusiastically supported by true Christians. But his closeness to the Roman Catholic religio-political machine should be of extreme concern. It does not bode well for the future.

Trump is a mere man, surrounded by some very powerful and dangerous men, and no true Christian should ever trust him completely. But during his first term, for all his many faults, he has been good for America on various issues. Joe Biden, on the other hand, would be a disaster for America. However, make no mistake – a Trump victory will also advance the Vatican’s agenda for the US – albeit more slowly than a Biden victory will do. The Jesuits always – always – always play both sides. Christians need to be aware, therefore, that a Trump victory will *not* be a perfectly good thing for America. It will merely be better, in some respects but certainly not in others, than the alternative.

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