

# BIDEN, THE BISHOPS AND COMMUNION

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops will meet June 16 for a few days to discuss many issues, among them being what to do about President Biden's suitability to receive Communion.

It appears that most bishops consider several of the president's policies to be at odds with some Catholic teachings. The question is what to do about it. This would not matter much if the president were not a Catholic. What makes matters worse is that he and those in his administration boast of his Catholic status.

Some Catholics, as well as those who are not Catholic, are confused. The Catholic Church teaches that we must respect the right to life of the unborn. It also insists that we cannot accept the notion that men can "transition" to women, and vice versa. These are two fundamental biological realities, both of which are under assault. Worse, Biden is one of those leading the charge.

This, of course, raises the question of Biden's Catholicity. Is he a Catholic in good standing when he leads efforts to undercut Catholic teachings on such grave matters? If he is, what would it take for him to be sanctioned? If he is not, what should be done about it?

In May, the Vatican issued directives to the bishops instructing them to be careful about adopting stringent policies. Indeed, it laid down conditions that tilt favorably to Catholic politicians like Biden who persist in rejecting Church teachings on serious matters. The bishops are faced with some tough decisions.