

Did Harrison Butker Dare Give a Catholic Commencement Speech at a Catholic College?

Though a petition calling for the firing of Harrison Butker, one of the NFL's greatest placekickers, has gained more than 100,000 signatures, sales of his jersey are skyrocketing. Why all the controversy?

This past Sunday, Butker, who plays for Super Bowl champion Kansas City Chiefs and is a traditional Catholic, delivered the commencement address at Benedictine College, a highly ranked, private, liberal arts, traditional Catholic school.

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What did he say in his speech? Why the outrage, on one hand, and the support, on the other hand?

He referred to "the COVID fiasco" and said, "Bad policies and poor leadership have negatively impacted major life issues. Things like abortion, IVF, surrogacy, euthanasia as well as a growing support for degenerate cultural values and media all stem from the pervasiveness of disorder."

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Butker pulled no punches. But he was just getting started.

He also said, "Our own nation is led by a man who publicly and proudly proclaims his Catholic faith but at the same time is delusional enough to make the sign of the cross during a pro-abortion rally. He has been so vocal in his support for the murder of innocent babies that I'm sure to many people it

appears that you can be both Catholic and pro-choice. He is not alone. From the man behind the COVID lockdowns to the people pushing dangerous gender ideologies onto the youth of America, they all have a glaring thing in common: They are Catholic. This is an important reminder that being Catholic alone doesn't cut it."

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