

JD Vance Reveals Final Meeting With Pope Francis, Gets in Fiery Clash on The View

Vice President JD Vance found himself defending both his faith and the Trump administration's policies during a spirited appearance on ABC's *The View*, right after new details emerged from his memoir about a final meeting with Pope Francis before the pontiff's death.

The interview touched on topics ranging from inflation and immigration to race, faith and the Epstein files, offering insight into how Vance views the intersection of politics and religion.

According to a report by *The Independent*, Vance's new memoir, *Communion: Finding My Way Back to Faith*, recounts an Easter Sunday meeting with Pope Francis in April 2025, less than a day before the pope's death. Vance wrote that Francis appeared "more fragile than I realized" but remained gracious, giving gifts to Vance's children during the encounter.

The *Independent* also reported that Vance described a meeting with Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Pietro Parolin in which he became frustrated by what he viewed as vague responses from Vatican officials regarding immigration policy.

According to the report, Vance argued that church leaders discussed moral principles but declined to identify specific U.S. immigration policies they opposed.



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Similar issues surfaced during Vance's appearance on The View.

During a discussion about immigration enforcement, co-hosts challenged Vance on the administration's border policies and ICE operations. In response, Vance argued that border security and compassion should coexist.

"The Christian faith," Vance said, "says that you can have borders."

Vance told the hosts that nations have both a right and a responsibility to enforce immigration laws while treating people with dignity. He also argued that failing to secure the border can contribute to human trafficking and exploitation by criminal organizations.

Vance also reflected on his spiritual journey from evangelical Christianity to atheism and ultimately to Catholicism. He also addressed past controversies, including his previous criticism of President Donald Trump.

When asked about his earlier opposition to Trump, Vance said he had changed his perspective after observing what he considered successful policies during Trump's first administration.

"I was wrong about him," Vance said during the interview.

Vance also pushed back against claims that Christians have compromised biblical values in supporting Trump. He argued that media coverage had often misrepresented the president and said his own views evolved after taking a closer look at Trump's record.

These conversations that the vice president has been engaged in point to a broader challenge: how to discuss cultural and political issues while remaining grounded in biblical conviction, truth and grace.

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