

Outrage Erupts as Socialists Move to Wipe Out Centuries-Old Christian Holiday

A centuries-old Christian tradition is at the center of a growing fight in Spain after socialist officials voted to separate a small town's annual holiday from the Catholic celebrations that gave birth to it.

For more than 400 years, Albánchez de Mágina, a town of roughly 900 residents in Andalusia, has celebrated Saint Francis of Paola with religious festivities in early May. May 4 has historically served as a local holiday tied to a solemn procession honoring the town's patron saint.

That will change in 2027.

Councilors from the Spanish Socialist Workers' Party, or PSOE, voted to move the May 4 holiday to April 30, separating the civic holiday from the traditional Christian festivities, according to Breitbart News.

Mario León, a local spokesperson for the center-right People's Party, called the decision "unilateral, authoritarian, and without consensus," accusing socialist leaders of "decoupling the festivities from the Christian faith and inventing a secular holiday weekend."



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The change will also make May 4 a regular working day, potentially preventing workers and teachers from participating in the religious celebration.

"That is the day [May 4] that corresponds to it by history,

tradition and faith," León said, calling for officials to restore the traditional holiday.

Residents are fighting back. A citizens group of approximately 350 members has reportedly formed to defend the town's traditions, while another group is preparing a motion seeking to overturn the change.

This battle over one Spanish town's calendar reflects a much larger ideological conflict. Socialism has repeatedly followed a path that pushes Christianity from public life, first treating faith as something to be separated from civic culture and eventually as something to be marginalized altogether.

Christian traditions are rarely erased overnight. They are chipped away piece by piece. History has shown where that road can lead: When socialist and communist ideologies gain unchecked power, the Christian faith itself inevitably becomes a target.

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