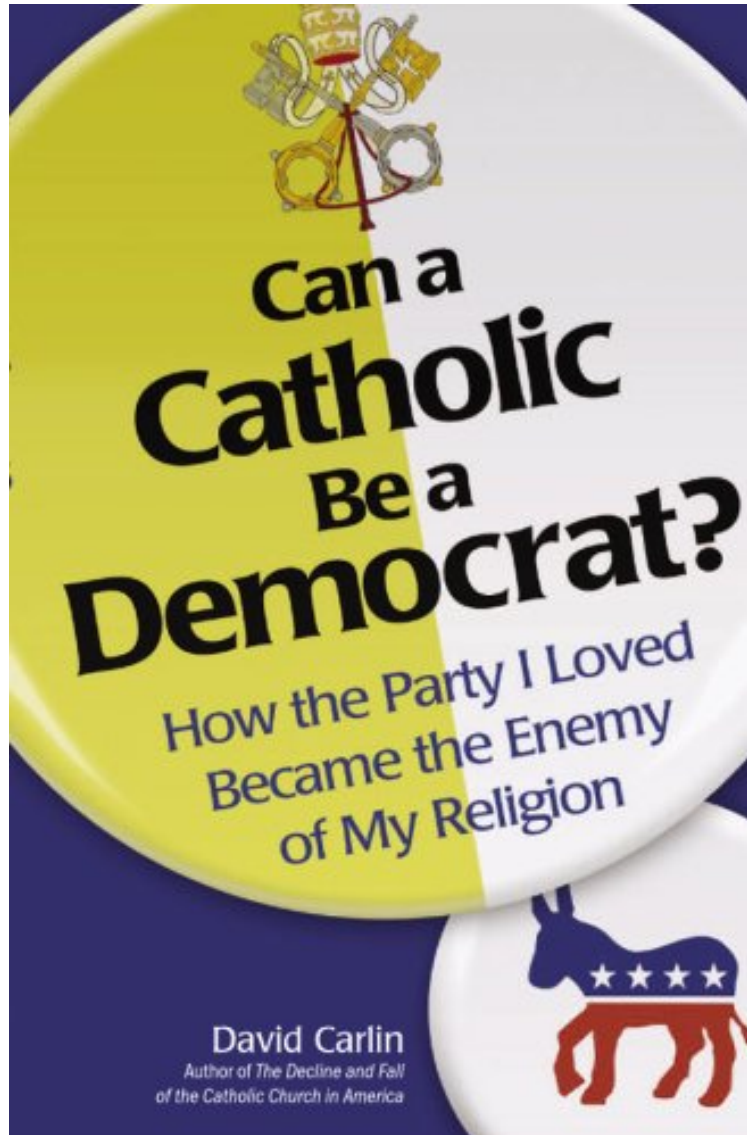


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**David Carlin : Can a Catholic Be a Democrat?** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Can a Catholic Be a Democrat?:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Recommended Reading for Those In NeedBy 5thSealCatholicI bought this several years ago for a Catholic, who had a fondness for Democrats but did not like Republicans, who ended up not reading it, but sure needed it. However, over time my arguments swayed this person away from the Democratic Party and the built-in propaganda of the mainstream media...most television and news coverage. But I still

had this book laying around so I read it. The author David Carlin writes a well reasoned case. But leaves the reader wondering about David Carlin, who was a Democratic Senator in state politics(Rhode Island), wondering why it took him so long to leave the Democratic Party. Also his still professed love for his former Democratic Party is strange also. However, if you tie this strange inconsistency together with the message and it becomes a very good evangelization book to bring someone out of a political party that will lie to you to win arguments, lie to you to get their way, that is anti-God, pro-any illicit sexual mores, and just plain wrong headed about a whole host of issues. There is a quote by G.K.Chesterton that goes something like this "Once God is abolished then, the next bigger thing, the government becomes the God". This is the goal of communism, socialism and the Democratic party. In the meantime, since reading this book some years ago, David Carlin has become a favorite author of mine with his excellent book the "The Decline and Fall of the Catholic Church in America" which I consider the finest analysis of Post-Vatican II Catholic decline. Decline and Fall of the Catholic Church in America

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. How times have Changed! By Thomas Kistler Gives a Step by step understanding how the Democrat Party turned away from sound and Traditional Catholic teaching in accordance with the Magisterium.. The phrase "The Road to Hell is paved with "good" intentions" is spot on. A "must read" for all Catholics and like-minded citizens who have voted Democratic with good intentions in the past. 21 of 23 people found the following review helpful. Time for practicing Catholics to pause and take stock. By Paul Tognetti Needless to say today's national Democratic party bears precious little resemblance to the political party that our parents and grandparents were so loyal to. In years gone by the Democratic party stood up for the interests of the "little" guy in the never-ending tug-of-war between management and labor and the big money interests versus working men and women. Then in the 1960's Democrats were instrumental in passing the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964 that outlawed major forms of discrimination against African Americans and women, including racial segregation. But according to author David Carlin the focus and priorities of the Democratic party began to shift dramatically in the late 1960's. A new, more radical breed of ideologically driven Democrat began to exert their influence in the party. These folks were in favor of abortion on demand, same-sex marriage, euthanasia and radical feminism. Mr. Carlin deeply laments what has become of his beloved Democratic Party and as a practicing Catholic is having an increasingly difficult time remaining in the party. His 2005 book "Can A Catholic Be A Democrat: How The Party I Loved Became The Enemy of My Religion" explores the increasing schism between the two entities. This is essential reading for practicing Catholics who must ponder which worldview is more important to them. Sooner or later they are going to have to choose sides. As a practicing Catholic myself I must wholeheartedly agree with a couple of key observations made by David Carlin in this book. First of all, as is the case with so many organizations the Catholic Church pretends to represent a whole lot more people than they actually do. Many of the people who call themselves Catholic rarely if ever attend Mass and are for the most part Catholics in name only. This serves to distort the results of polls and surveys that appear from time to time in the mainstream media that portend to reflect Catholic opinion. Meanwhile, Carlin argues that Catholic bishops should be taking a much more aggressive stance in arguing for the tenets of the Church. The bishops have been very reluctant to do this over the past quarter century for fear of losing membership and even some clergy. But I must agree with Carlin that the time has come to stand up to the liberal elements within the Catholic church. I can tell you that there is nothing more disheartening for an Orthodox Catholic than to see the Pope granting an audience to the likes of Nancy Pelosi or a Cardinal officiating at the funeral of Senator Edward M. Kennedy. One wonders how this is even possible. At the end of the day many of us would prefer to be part of a much smaller Roman Catholic church populated by those who truly believe in and live by it's principles. Far too many Catholics remain blissfully unaware or conveniently ignorant of the irreconcilable contradictions between the radical Democratic agenda and the teachings of their church. Fortunately, a new generation of younger, more conservative priests seem to be ready and willing to speak out about these issues. American Catholics should be forced to confront the facts and make a choice. And if they find that the teachings and sermons in their own parish do not reflect the Church's teachings they should move on to another parish that does. Perhaps the most interesting chapter in "Can A Catholic Be A Democrat?" focuses on the excuses many Catholics employ to justify their continued allegiance to the Democratic party. There is much food for thought in these pages. So what is the fallout from more than 40 years of the secularist agenda in America? As David Carlin sees it "our nation now has a tremendously high divorce rate and out-of-wedlock birthrates, tens of millions of kids who have grown up without fathers, women who cannot escape poverty because of their status as unmarried mothers, high rates of sexually transmitted diseases, a gigantic pornography industry, an epidemic of sexual crimes and more than one million abortions per year." Does that sound like freedom and liberation to you? David Carlin argues that more and more traditional Democrats will abandon the party as they finally wake up to the truth about what their party really represents. Since this book was written seven years ago matters have only gotten much worse as evidenced by the passage of Obamacare and the recent controversy surrounding contraception. One would hope that more and more Catholics are finally taking notice and that a "Great Awakening" will take place in the 2012 elections. "Can A Catholic Be A Democrat: How The Party I Loved Became The Enemy of My Religion" will challenge Catholic Democrats to question what is really most important in life. This is a thought-provoking book that is well worth a look. Highly recommended!

When author David Carlin was a young man, it was scandalous for a good Catholic to be anything but a good Democrat. In the pews, pubs, and union halls of America's cities, millions of poor European immigrants and their children pledged allegiance to the Church of Rome and the party of FDR. All that changed in the 1960s, with the rise of a new kind of Democrat: wealthy, secular, ideological. Even as Carlin served the party he loved twelve years as a Rhode Island state senator and once a candidate for Congress he could only watch in dismay as its national leaders abandoned their blue-collar, pro-life, and religious constituencies and took up with NOW, Hollywood, and the abortion lobby. So complete has been this transformation that we no longer speak of a natural alliance between Catholics and the Democratic Party. Indeed, ever increasing numbers of Democrats are joining the ranks of us voters for whom voting Catholic means holding our nose and choosing the candidates in either party whose views are least hostile to our faith. In recent years, the conflict between his faith and the policies of his party has grown so marked that author Carlin, a cradle Catholic, lifetime Democrat, and longtime Democratic legislator, now feels compelled to consider in his new book whether, in good conscience, it's even possible to be both a faithful Catholic and a Democratic true believer. But *Can a Catholic Be a Democrat?* isn't partisan. It's Catholic. By considering the changes that have taken place in his own party these past fifty years (and that some would now bring about in the Republican Party, too), Carlin identifies the fundamental policies that we as Catholics must support, and the ones that we Catholics must never abide so that, regardless of our party affiliation, we can prudently work for (and will have the opportunity to vote for) policies consistent with our faith.

From the Inside Flap That's a good question, since these days both parties endorse policies or engage in activities that contradict some or many Catholic teachings about abortion, poverty, immigration, war and peace, or other issues of life and justice. But that's not always been the case. Indeed, when author David Carlin was a young man, it was scandalous for a good Catholic to be anything but a good Democrat. In the pews, pubs, and union halls of America's cities, millions of poor European immigrants and their children pledged allegiance to the Church of Rome and the party of FDR. All that changed in the 1960s, with the rise of a new kind of Democrat: wealthy, secular, ideological. Even as Carlin served the party he loved twelve years as a Rhode Island state senator and once a candidate for Congress he could only watch in dismay as its national leaders abandoned their blue-collar, pro-life, and religious constituencies and took up with NOW, Hollywood, and the abortion lobby. So complete has been this transformation that we no longer speak of a natural alliance between Catholics and the Democratic Party. Indeed, ever increasing numbers of Democrats are joining the ranks of us voters for whom "voting Catholic" means holding our nose and choosing the candidates in either party whose views are least hostile to our faith. In recent years, the conflict between his faith and the policies of his party has grown so marked that author Carlin, a cradle Catholic, lifetime Democrat, and longtime Democratic legislator, now feels compelled to consider in his new book whether, in good conscience, it's even possible to be both a faithful Catholic and a Democratic true believer. But *Can a Catholic Be a Democrat?* isn't partisan. It's Catholic. By considering the changes that have taken place in his own party these past fifty years (and that some would now bring about in the Republican Party, too), Carlin identifies the fundamental policies that we as Catholics must support.