United Kingdom: election on 4th July, the Bishops call to say no to abortion and assisted suicide

"Ask the candidates you intend to vote for whether they will oppose the legalisation of assisted suicide and euthanasia, whether they will support a reduction in the number of weeks by which abortion is legal and will take measures to stop do-it-yourself abortion, done with one's own means, a practice that is currently allowed in the United Kingdom, and whether they will ask to stop abortion until the time of birth for foetuses with disabilities". It is the English Catholic Bishops, in a section on the website of the Bishops' Conference about the forthcoming political election of 4th July, that suggest the 4.5 million devotees to ask such questions. And, again, it is the Bishops' Conference that asks the Catholics getting ready to go to the polls to make pressures on the future MPs so they will protect life according to the principles of Catholic social teaching. The Labour leader, Keir Starmer, that the surveys have predicted for weeks will be the next British Prime Minister, has stated several times that he wants to change the legislation to legalise assisted suicide. Even if the MPs are left free to vote according to their conscience, many Tory MPs, including the incumbent Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, have taken sides for it. In the United Kingdom, the MPs vote on abortion and assisted suicide without any suggestion from their parties.

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