

## Caritas members push back after Vatican rejects candidate

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A week ago, *The Tablet* of London broke the news that the Vatican had [blocked the re-election of the Caritas Internationalis' chief](#) [1] when the Vatican Secretariat of State refused to grant Lesley-Anne Knight the necessary *nihil obstat* required for all candidates for the key position.

As that news spreads around the world, reactions are rolling in.

From Thailand two days ago: [Local Caritas priest questions Vatican's blocking re-election of Caritas Internationalis secretary-general](#) [2].

From Australia today: [Vatican targets Caritas](#) [3]. This essay was penned by Duncan MacLaren, the secretary general of Caritas Internationalis from 1999 to 2007, immediately before Lesley-Anne Knight.

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