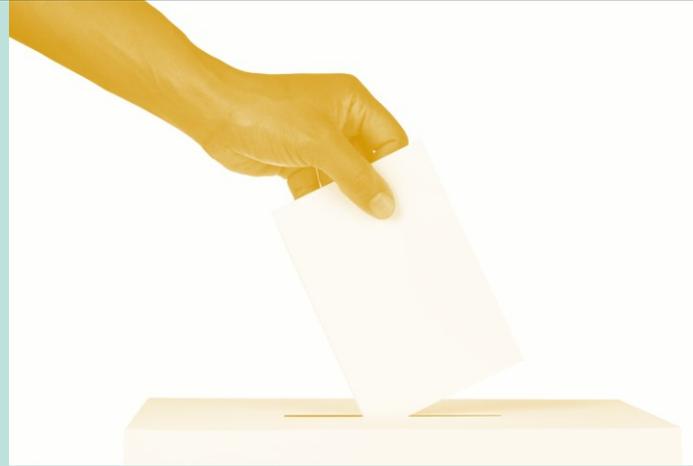


Religious Studies Topic of the Month

June 2024

How do we construct a society in which families can flourish?'

Topic of the month aims to stimulate discussion at Key Stages 4 and 5 and bring religion to life. This can be achieved by considering religion's relevance in our vast modern world. We have selected a current news article, which you may wish to read and integrate into your teaching practice, using the discussion prompts provided.



Disclaimer:

This topic relates to an article, written for the Catholic Herald* and is entitled "Cardinal Nichols on UK elections: 'How do we construct a society in which families flourish?'".

Introduction

This article refers to Cardinal Vincent Nichols' call to British Catholics to engage in the upcoming general elections on the 4th of July 2024.

- [\(Click here to access the article\)](#)

Discussion prompts

- What is the significance of the UK general election being held on 4 July 2024?
- According to Cardinal Vincent Nichols, why is voting in a general election considered a privilege?
- What specific areas might Catholic voters consider important when evaluating candidates, before casting their votes?
- How might a Catholic's perspective on politics differ from someone from another religious/non-religious background?
- Which Catholic teachings might influence voters' decisions?
- Why might Catholics feel unable to participate in the voting process?

Links to topics featured in our specifications:

- **GCSE:**
 - Religious attitudes to social Justice
 - Religious teachings teaching about the purpose and importance of the family
- **A-Level:**
 - Religion and society
 - War and peace