

Letter from the Secretariat of the Bishops' Conference does NOT answer "Open Letter"

The cause and the associated demand of the letter are knowingly ignored

On Saturday August 13, 22, Maria 1.0, representing the many signers from all areas of Catholicism in the German-speaking world, received by post a remarkably meaningless response to the open letter of August 11, 22. The "open letter" addressed directly to Bishop Bätzing, was finally answered for the Secretariat of the German Bishops' Conference by the head of the Office of the Synodal Way ([see response](#)).

A discussion of the contents of the letter does not actually take place in the present answer. In only one sentence it is said that one wants to critically receive the "Open Letter". Whatever this may mean, we note that the German Catholics, but also the representatives of the universal Church and the public have a right to know why the president of the German Bishops' Conference continues to remain silent and continues to cling to the cooperation with Dr. Stetter-Karp in such an exposed position and why Bishop Dr. Bätzing wants to shape the future of the Catholic Church in Germany alongside a woman who places the right to life of the most vulnerable and defenseless people under the precondition of the woman's right to self-determination and thus openly violates the teachings of the Church, as well as with the demand for a nationwide abortion service.

Further we determine that aforementioned answer from the DBK does not in any way meet this requirement, but one obviously continues to solidarize with Mrs. Dr. Stetter Karp and hopes to be able to sit out the affair by keeping silent!

The core demand of the Open Letter therefore remains unchanged and we will not cease to state this demand emphatically and to draw public attention to it nationally and internationally: "Your Excellency, we ask you and your co-bishops, who all promised at their consecration to convey purely and unabridged the faith of the Church as handed down by the apostles, to end your cooperation with Dr. Stetter-Karp, insofar as she is not sustainably

prepared to publicly revise her position and to return to the Church's teaching on the protection of unborn life".

In the next few days, all German diocesan bishops will receive the "Open Letter" again, supplemented by the list of numerous supporters. The immensely positive national and international echo and the great compliments of many believers, priests, bishops and renowned theologians who have contacted us encourage us to continue on this path.