



FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS  
*Candidate Questionnaire Project*

2018 CANDIDATE RESPONSE  
Florida House of Representatives District 82

**Edward Francis O'Connor (DEM)**

*Do you support or oppose...*

**ABORTION REGULATION:** Requiring parental consent before a minor child's abortion, notwithstanding previous judicial concerns?

**OPPOSE**

**Optional Candidate Comment:** *sometimes the parent is the problem*

**ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE:** Increasing access to care for uninsured Floridians, especially the working poor?

**SUPPORT**

**Optional Candidate Comment:** *Refusal of Obama care Medicaid was a disgrace*

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** Using all state housing trust funds as intended to address affordable housing needs in Florida?

**SUPPORT**

**DEATH PENALTY REPEAL:** Ending Florida's use of the death penalty while preserving the alternative of a life sentence without parole?

**OPPOSE**

**Optional Candidate Comment:** *I would support the death penalty for certain exceptional cases-if they would change the burden of proof for those cases from beyond reasonable doubt to virtual certainty and require a written jury explanation for such decisions. My concern is its way to easy to get a death penalty conviction*

**END-OF-LIFE PROTECTION:** Preserving Florida law that bans physician-assisted suicide?

**OPPOSE**

**Optional Candidate Comment:** *Denying people the choice is downright cruel*

**FREEDOM TO SERVE:** Allowing individuals and organizations the freedom to serve the public in accord with reasoned conscientious beliefs related to sexuality and marriage?

**OPPOSE**

**Optional Candidate Comment:** *I have no idea what this means so , of course, I oppose*

**IMMIGRATION:** Urging Congress to undertake extensive immigration reform, rather than adopting piecemeal state policies?

**SUPPORT**

**JUVENILE JUSTICE:** Establishing that children under 14 shall not be transferred to the adult criminal justice system?

**SUPPORT**

**PARENTAL EMPOWERMENT:** Creating education savings accounts to use for nonpublic school tuition?

**OPPOSE**

**Optional Candidate Comment:** *I went to Catholic school and I loved the education I received there. I became a lawyer, in large part because the nuns introduced me to Socrates in grade school. However- there is a movement underfoot to use charter schools to undermine public education- I'm strongly opposed to those efforts.*

**SAFETY OF SCHOOLCHILDREN:** Expanding existing legislative initiatives to harden the physical security of nonpublic schools?

**OPPOSE**

**Optional Candidate Comment:** *you have to be specific*