



FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS  
2020 Candidate Questionnaire Project



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**DO YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE...**

<p><b>ABORTION LIMITS:</b> Prohibiting abortion when a fetus has reached 20 weeks gestation and has the capacity to feel pain?</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b></p>
<p><i>Optional Comments: I will support all legislation which will protect the lives of the unborn.</i></p>	
<p><b>ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE:</b> Increasing health coverage options for uninsured Floridians, especially the unemployed and the working poor?</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b></p>
<p><i>Optional Comments: This depends on the costs and who will bear those costs. I am for making health care more accessible to Floridians. I am against a single payer healthcare system. I am against medicaid expansion.</i></p>	
<p><b>AFFORDABLE HOUSING:</b> Using all state housing trust funds as intended to address affordable housing needs in Florida?</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b></p>
<p><b>CRIMINAL JUSTICE:</b> Authorizing courts to impose a sentence less than the mandatory minimum term of imprisonment for nonviolent crimes?</p>	<p><b>OPPOSE</b></p>
<p><i>Optional Comments: Our laws have been created for a reason. If we want to change the law, let's do that. We cannot let Judges become activists on the bench.</i></p>	
<p><b>DEATH PENALTY REPEAL:</b> Ending Florida's use of the death penalty while preserving the alternative of a life sentence without parole?</p>	<p><b>OPPOSE</b></p>
<p><b>END-OF-LIFE PROTECTION:</b> Preserving Florida law that bans doctor-prescribed suicide?</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b></p>
<p><i>Optional Comments: There are times where the death penalty is appropriate for a crime committed.</i></p>	
<p><b>FREEDOM TO SERVE:</b> Allowing health care providers and workers the freedom to serve in accord with their conscience?</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b></p>
<p><i>Optional Comments: This is important to me. Health care workers should never have to compromise his/her faith at work.</i></p>	
<p><b>PARENTAL EMPOWERMENT:</b> Eliminating the requirement to attend public school the year prior to receiving a state scholarship for K-12 non-public schools?</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b></p>
<p><b>PROTECTING WORKERS:</b> Requiring drinking water, shade, and annual heat illness training be provided for farmworkers and other outdoor workers?</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b></p>
<p><b>RELIGIOUS FREEDOM:</b> Respecting the autonomy of non-public schools to maintain policies that distinguish dress codes and other aspects of student life on the biological basis of sex?</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b></p>