



FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS  
2020 Candidate Questionnaire Project



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

<b>ABORTION FUNDING BAN:</b> Maintaining the prohibition on the use of federal funds to pay for or provide insurance coverage for elective abortions?	<b>SUPPORT</b>
<i>Optional Comments: Voted to keep Hyde amendment and not fund PP.</i>	
<b>ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE:</b> Preserving the state option for Medicaid expansion, which would allow Florida to expand coverage in the future?	<b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>CONSUMER PROTECTION:</b> Capping the interest rate on consumer credit loans (e.g., payday loans and vehicle title loans) at 36%?	<b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>DEATH PENALTY REPEAL:</b> Repealing the federal government's use of the death penalty?	<b>SUPPORT</b>
<i>Optional Comments: States have their own option.</i>	
<b>ENVIRONMENT:</b> Investing federal funds in renewable energy innovation to mitigate harm to the natural environment?	<b>SUPPORT</b>
<i>Optional Comments: Support some investment.</i>	
<b>GUN CONTROL:</b> Restricting access to firearms by requiring universal background checks?	<b>SUPPORT</b>
<i>Optional Comments: But no registration, background check only.</i>	
<b>HUMAN SEXUALITY:</b> Maintaining currently protected classes of individuals without adding new ones based on "sexual orientation" and "gender identity"?	<b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>IMMIGRATION:</b> Achieving comprehensive reforms that offer a path to citizenship for the undocumented who live in the U.S. and do not have a criminal record, expand family reunification and worker visas, secure our borders, and establish humane enforcement?	<b>SUPPORT</b>
<i>Optional Comments: Supported Goodlatte 2 which would have secured the boarder, end chain migration, establish EVerify. Green cards issued only after boarder is secured. If they commit crimes, join gangs before citizenship then they would be departed.</i>	
<b>INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE:</b> Maintaining funding for U.S. international humanitarian and development assistance, which currently represents 1% of the federal budget?	<b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>PARENTAL EMPOWERMENT:</b> Providing individuals and businesses federal tax credits for donations to state-based scholarship programs for K-12 education?	<b>SUPPORT</b>