



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: Money can be better spent than killing babies. There are many hungry people in this country that can benefit with those funds.</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>OPPOSE</b>
<i>Optional Comments: Each state has the right to make that decision based on their population but everyone deserves health care and access to see a provider.</i>	
<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>
<i>Optional Comments: Should be capped even lower because this is a scam that affects the poor and disadvantaged.</i>	
<b>DEATH PENALTY REPEAL:</b> Repealing the federal government's use of the death penalty?	<b>SUPPORT</b>
<i>Optional Comments: All lives are sacred and it disproportionately affects minorities and the mentally ill</i>	
<b>ENVIRONMENT:</b> Investing federal funds in renewable energy innovation to mitigate harm to the natural environment?	<b>SUPPORT</b>
<i>Optional Comments: We need more research on how renewable energy can end our dependence on nonrenewable resources</i>	
<b>GUN CONTROL:</b> Restricting access to firearms by requiring universal background checks?	<b>SUPPORT</b>
<i>Optional Comments: Background checks are necessary to identify those who have a history of terrorist crimes and severe mental health conditions.</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>
<i>Optional Comments: I believe in the traditional family created by God.</i>	
<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>NO RESPONSE</b>
<i>Optional Comments: This is a topic that needs to be discussed for a solution</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>
<i>Optional Comments: We must make sure the money is properly spent and monitored to save lives</i>	
<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>
<i>Optional Comments: Support anything that empowers families to improve the lives of our children.</i>	