



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>NO RESPONSE</b></p>
<p><i>Optional Comments: I personally do not believe in abortion but I do believe in a woman's right to choose.</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><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>SUPPORT</b></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>SUPPORT</b></p>
<p><b>END-OF-LIFE PROTECTION:</b> Preserving Florida law that bans doctor-prescribed suicide?</p>	<p><b>NO RESPONSE</b></p>
<p><i>Optional Comments: Depends on the situation. If a person is in severe pain and there's no hope of survival. Putting that person in a coma until they pass would be my solution.</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>NO RESPONSE</b></p>
<p><i>Optional Comments: The hippocratic oath takes precedence over all and that is the way it should be.</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>NO RESPONSE</b></p>
<p><i>Optional Comments: I do not support for profit charter schools and only support charter schools when a special need is introduced.</i></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>NO RESPONSE</b></p>
<p><i>Optional Comments: This is a fascinating question. Having a gay son, I have had a distinctive experience when addressing this type of issue. My gay son does not want to wear women's clothing and can have a man &amp; woman relationship, but he does not feel comfortable with a woman. Let me ask you this question: do you believe in science where it has been proven many times over that a person can have genitalia of a boy but have all the hormones of a girl. Now, how would you feel if you were made to wear pants versus a dress that you like?</i></p>	