



FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS  
2020 Candidate Questionnaire Project



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

<b>ABORTION LIMITS:</b> Prohibiting abortion when a fetus has reached 20 weeks gestation and has the capacity to feel pain?	<b>NO RESPONSE</b>
<b>ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE:</b> Increasing health coverage options for uninsured Floridians, especially the unemployed and the working poor?	<b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>AFFORDABLE HOUSING:</b> Using all state housing trust funds as intended to address affordable housing needs in Florida?	<b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>CRIMINAL JUSTICE:</b> Authorizing courts to impose a sentence less than the mandatory minimum term of imprisonment for nonviolent crimes?	<b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>DEATH PENALTY REPEAL:</b> Ending Florida's use of the death penalty while preserving the alternative of a life sentence without parole?	<b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>END-OF-LIFE PROTECTION:</b> Preserving Florida law that bans doctor-prescribed suicide?	<b>NO RESPONSE</b>
<b>FREEDOM TO SERVE:</b> Allowing health care providers and workers the freedom to serve in accord with their conscience?	<b>NO RESPONSE</b>
<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?	<b>OPPOSE</b>
<b>PROTECTING WORKERS:</b> Requiring drinking water, shade, and annual heat illness training be provided for farmworkers and other outdoor workers?	<b>SUPPORT</b>
<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?	<b>NO RESPONSE</b>