



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><i>Optional Comments: The Supreme Court has determined time and time again that women have a Constitutional right to privacy in regards to their reproductive decisions. I will not undermine that determination as a Legislator.</i></p>	<b>OPPOSE</b>
<p><b>ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE:</b> Increasing health coverage options for uninsured Floridians, especially the unemployed and the working poor?</p>	<b>SUPPORT</b>
<p><b>AFFORDABLE HOUSING:</b> Using all state housing trust funds as intended to address affordable housing needs in Florida?</p>	<b>SUPPORT</b>
<p><b>CRIMINAL JUSTICE:</b> Authorizing courts to impose a sentence less than the mandatory minimum term of imprisonment for nonviolent crimes?</p>	<b>SUPPORT</b>
<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><i>Optional Comments: The death penalty must be applied equally, and constitutionally. It has been held to be Constitutional, and I therefore support it.</i></p>	<b>OPPOSE</b>
<p><b>END-OF-LIFE PROTECTION:</b> Preserving Florida law that bans doctor-prescribed suicide?</p>	<b>SUPPORT</b>
<p><b>FREEDOM TO SERVE:</b> Allowing health care providers and workers the freedom to serve in accord with their conscience?</p> <p><i>Optional Comments: I am unsure what this question means, and therefore cannot provide an answer.</i></p>	<b>NO RESPONSE</b>
<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><i>Optional Comments: I do not know enough about this issue to respond in an informative manner.</i></p>	<b>NO RESPONSE</b>
<p><b>PROTECTING WORKERS:</b> Requiring drinking water, shade, and annual heat illness training be provided for farmworkers and other outdoor workers?</p>	<b>SUPPORT</b>
<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><i>Optional Comments: It depends on whether the schools are run are faith-based and whether they receive public funds for those students. I respect the Constitutional rights of the students, the parents, and the churches.</i></p>	<b>SUPPORT</b>