



FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS
2020 Candidate Questionnaire Project



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DO YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE...

ABORTION LIMITS: Prohibiting abortion when a fetus has reached 20 weeks gestation and has the capacity to feel pain?	SUPPORT
<i>Optional Comments: Actually, I am hesitant to allow abortion past the first trimester (12-13 weeks).</i>	
ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE: Increasing health coverage options for uninsured Floridians, especially the unemployed and the working poor?	SUPPORT
<i>Optional Comments: A big area to look into are the recent graduates and those transitioning between jobs as well</i>	
AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Using all state housing trust funds as intended to address affordable housing needs in Florida?	SUPPORT
<i>Optional Comments: There should be transparency in the allocation of funds as well, to know where this money is going.</i>	
CRIMINAL JUSTICE: Authorizing courts to impose a sentence less than the mandatory minimum term of imprisonment for nonviolent crimes?	SUPPORT
<i>Optional Comments: I am a firm believer of rehabilitation versus incarceration where appropriate.</i>	
DEATH PENALTY REPEAL: Ending Florida's use of the death penalty while preserving the alternative of a life sentence without parole?	SUPPORT
<i>Optional Comments: More research is needed on this before a firm decision is made. While I am generally opposed to the death penalty, there are certain cases where it should apply. But it should be a heavily scrutinized sentence for the most egregious cases</i>	
END-OF-LIFE PROTECTION: Preserving Florida law that bans doctor-prescribed suicide?	SUPPORT
<i>Optional Comments: The patient's death should not be at the hands of the doctor, but the patient should have the option to withdraw from life-saving treatment if they choose to do so.</i>	
FREEDOM TO SERVE: Allowing health care providers and workers the freedom to serve in accord with their conscience?	SUPPORT
<i>Optional Comments: But there should be guidelines to ensure that the doctor's conscience is also within reasonable treatment provider guidelines as well.</i>	
PARENTAL EMPOWERMENT: Eliminating the requirement to attend public school the year prior to receiving a state scholarship for K-12 non-public schools?	SUPPORT
<i>Optional Comments: Parents ought to have the choice of deciding where to educate their children, whether it be all private, all public, or both. Though a parent's income should weigh heavily on issuing scholarships, that way there is fairness in this process.</i>	
PROTECTING WORKERS: Requiring drinking water, shade, and annual heat illness training be provided for farmworkers and other outdoor workers?	SUPPORT

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM: 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?

SUPPORT

Optional Comments: While I generally support this, as there is the separation of church and state, one must also ensure well-founded and researched guidelines regarding a student's safety and privacy.