



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>SUPPORT</b>
<i>Optional Comments: It's important to note that my overarching stance on abortion is to bring the issue to the polls. Please see more on my website Snyder2020.org</i>	
<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>
<i>Optional Comments: I believe we can do more in this area as well, including incentivize home builders to build smaller, more affordable homes.</i>	
<b>CRIMINAL JUSTICE:</b> Authorizing courts to impose a sentence less than the mandatory minimum term of imprisonment for nonviolent crimes?	<b>SUPPORT</b>
<i>Optional Comments: I propose we actually eliminate prison sentences for low-end drug offenses, instead using community service and small fines</i>	
<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>
<i>Optional Comments: My goal is to have policy that decreases suicides and increase affordable treatment options. I am concerned that bans like this drive people away from medical and mental health professionals. I will need to do more research.</i>	
<b>FREEDOM TO SERVE:</b> Allowing health care providers and workers the freedom to serve in accord with their conscience?	<b>NO RESPONSE</b>
<i>Optional Comments: I'd like to know more about this prior to responding. Of course I want healthcare workers (and others) to never have to neglect their conscious, but I also wouldn't want someone denied needed healthcare. I'd need to understand the specifics.</i>	
<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>SUPPORT</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>OPPOSE</b>
<i>Optional Comments: On the surface this may sound like simple an issue of a school's choice to practice religious freedom, but on a deeper level it's more about a student's freedom vs. a school's freedom, and I don't think students and their rights should be easily ignored.</i>	