



FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS
2020 Candidate Questionnaire Project



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DO YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE...

<p>ABORTION LIMITS: Prohibiting abortion when a fetus has reached 20 weeks gestation and has the capacity to feel pain?</p>	<p>NO RESPONSE</p>
<p><i>Optional Comments: I believe this question is very misleading. Health care and medical decisions should be made by the woman, her family and her doctor-not the government. Every woman's pregnancy is different, and when complications arise that could possibly endanger the life of the woman, the best decision moving forward should be made with medical professionals, not the government.</i></p>	
<p>ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE: Increasing health coverage options for uninsured Floridians, especially the unemployed and the working poor?</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p>
<p><i>Optional Comments: We must work to expand Medicaid to 800,000 Floridians. The Majority Party in the legislature has opposed</i></p>	
<p>AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Using all state housing trust funds as intended to address affordable housing needs in Florida?</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p>
<p><i>Optional Comments: The Majority Party in the legislature has not made Affordable Housing a priority. Finally, with the help of the minority party, there was a bill passed in order to stop the raiding of the affordable housing dollars. We still have a lot of work to do to ensure affordable and low-income housing.</i></p>	
<p>CRIMINAL JUSTICE: Authorizing courts to impose a sentence less than the mandatory minimum term of imprisonment for nonviolent crimes?</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p>
<p><i>Optional Comments: We must repeal mandatory minimums for nonviolent offenses.</i></p>	
<p>DEATH PENALTY REPEAL: Ending Florida's use of the death penalty while preserving the alternative of a life sentence without parole?</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p>
<p>END-OF-LIFE PROTECTION: Preserving Florida law that bans doctor-prescribed suicide?</p>	<p>NO RESPONSE</p>
<p>FREEDOM TO SERVE: Allowing health care providers and workers the freedom to serve in accord with their conscience?</p>	<p>NO RESPONSE</p>
<p><i>Optional Comments: Healthcare should be based on SCIENCE not on a health care provider's beliefs.</i></p>	
<p>PARENTAL EMPOWERMENT: Eliminating the requirement to attend public school the year prior to receiving a state scholarship for K-12 non-public schools?</p>	<p>OPPOSE</p>
<p><i>Optional Comments: Our public schools continue to be underfunded in order to allow education profiteers that do not have the best interest of our children to profit from our tax dollars.</i></p>	
<p>PROTECTING WORKERS: Requiring drinking water, shade, and annual heat illness training be provided for farmworkers and other outdoor workers?</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p>
<p><i>Optional Comments: As the daughter of a bricklayer, I support any legislation that will protect our outdoor workers who grow our food and build our infrastructure.</i></p>	

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?

**NO
RESPONSE**

Optional Comments: Any school that receives public dollars should not be allowed to discriminate against any child on the basis of sexual orientation and/or gender identity.