



FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS
2020 Candidate Questionnaire Project



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FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - DISTRICT 71

DO YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE...

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| ABORTION LIMITS: Prohibiting abortion when a fetus has reached 20 weeks gestation and has the capacity to feel pain? | SUPPORT |
| ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE: Increasing health coverage options for uninsured Floridians, especially the unemployed and the working poor? | SUPPORT |
| AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Using all state housing trust funds as intended to address affordable housing needs in Florida? | SUPPORT |
| CRIMINAL JUSTICE: Authorizing courts to impose a sentence less than the mandatory minimum term of imprisonment for nonviolent crimes? | SUPPORT |
| DEATH PENALTY REPEAL: Ending Florida's use of the death penalty while preserving the alternative of a life sentence without parole? | SUPPORT |
| END-OF-LIFE PROTECTION: Preserving Florida law that bans doctor-prescribed suicide? <i>Optional Comments: I believe people deserve the right to die with dignity when terminally ill or in intractable, inoperable pain. I certainly don't think literal suicide, over emotional or financial difficulties, needs any kind of state support, but there are certainly circumstances in which I personally would appreciate the option to choose my way of going.</i> | OPPOSE |
| FREEDOM TO SERVE: Allowing health care providers and workers the freedom to serve in accord with their conscience? <i>Optional Comments: This sounds like a dog-whistle, with all due respect, and I don't know enough about the underlying issues. I do not support, for example, the anti-vaccine movement because a refusal to vaccinate can have an impact on others wellbeing. Same with the anti-maskers and COVID. Their "personal rights" infringe on my wellbeing to the extent that my life could be put in jeopardy by some COVID-positive person refusing to wear a mask.</i> | NO RESPONSE |
| PARENTAL EMPOWERMENT: Eliminating the requirement to attend public school the year prior to receiving a state scholarship for K-12 non-public schools? | OPPOSE |
| 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 |