

# FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS Candidate Questionnaire Project

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# General Election – November 6, 2018 U.S. Congressional Candidates – Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee

Candidates were asked:

"DO YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE..."

1. ABORTION CONSCIENCE

PROTECTION: Passing the Conscience Protection Act to further protect health care providers from being forced to participate in abortions?

2. ASSISTED SUICIDE PREVENTION: Expressing the sense of Congress that assisted suicide puts everyone, especially the most vulnerable, at risk of deadly harm and undermines the integrity of the health care system?

3. CHILDREN'S HEALTH

**CARE:** Maintaining funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), which provides low-cost, comprehensive health coverage for children of lower-income working families?

#### 4. ENVIRONMENT:

Establishing a national Climate Solutions Commission to develop policies that are economically viable, protect the environment and mitigate the effects of climate change?

### 5. FREEDOM TO SERVE:

Protecting child welfare providers from being discriminated against by federal or state government entities due to the provider's religious beliefs or moral convictions?

#### 6. GUN CONTROL:

Restricting access to firearms by requiring universal background checks and bans of high capacity magazines and bump stocks?

#### 7. IMMIGRATION:

Achieving reforms that offer a path to citizenship for the undocumented who live in the U.S. and do not have a criminal record, expand family reunification and worker visas, secure our borders, and establish humane enforcement practices?

8. INTERNATIONAL
ASSISTANCE: Expanding funding for U.S. international humanitarian and development assistance, which currently represents 0.6% of the federal budget?

#### 9. MENTAL HEALTH:

Increasing resources for the early identification and treatment of emotional and psychological disorders and addiction?

#### 10. PARENTAL

**EMPOWERMENT:** Creating education savings accounts for students in military and Native American families to use for nonpublic school tuition?

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#### Candidates for U.S. Senate

The following candidates did not respond: Bill Nelson (DEM) and Rick Scott (REP).

Candidates for U.S. House of Representatives												
Name	Party	District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Gaetz, Matt	REP	1	NR									
Zimmerman, Jennifer M.	DEM	1	NR									
Dunn, Neal	REP	2	NR									
Rackleff, Bob	DEM	2	NR									
Fuller, Virginia	REP	5	S	S	S	*	S	*	*	O*	S	*
Lawson, Al	DEM	5	NR	NR	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S



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# General Election – November 6, 2018 Florida Gubernatorial & Legislative Candidates Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee

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DEM - Florida Democratic Party; REP - Republican Party of Florida; REF - Reform Party of Florida; NPA - No Party Affiliation

Candidates for Florida Governor												
Name	Party	District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Gibson, Kyle "KC"	NPA	-	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S
Richardson, Darcy G.	REF	-	S	S*	S	S	S	NR	S	S	S	S
Stanley, Bruce	NPA	-	O*	S*	S*	S*	0	S	S	S	*	0

The following candidates did not respond: Ron DeSantis (REP), Ryan Christopher Foley (NPA), Andrew Gillum (DEM)

## Candidates for Florida Senate

Name	Party	District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Gainer, George B.	REP	2	NR									
Gibson, Mary Jeanne "Gigi"	DEM	2	0	S	S	S	0	NR	S	S	NR	0

#### Candidates for Florida House of Representatives

Name	Party	District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Garrett, Vikki	DEM	1	NR									
Hill, Mike	REP	1	S	S*	S*	0	S	S	O*	S	S	S
Osborne, Bobbi	NPA	3	O*	S*	S*	S	O*	S	*	S	*	S*
Williamson, Jayer	REP	3	NR									
Koelzer, Rebecca	DEM	4	NR	S	*	S	NR	*	*	S	0	*
Ponder, Mel	REP	4	S	NR	S	NR	S	NR	S	S	S	S

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#### "DO YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE..."

#### 1. ABORTION REGULATION:

Requiring parental consent before a minor child's abortion, notwithstanding previous judicial concerns?

#### 2. ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE:

Increasing access to care for uninsured Floridians, especially the working poor?

#### 3. AFFORDABLE HOUSING:

Using all state housing trust funds as intended to address affordable housing needs in Florida?

#### 4. DEATH PENALTY REPEAL:

Ending Florida's use of the death penalty while preserving the alternative of a life sentence without parole?

#### 5. END-OF-LIFE PROTECTION:

Preserving Florida law that bans physician-assisted suicide?

#### 6. FREEDOM TO SERVE:

Allowing individuals and organizations the freedom to serve the public in accord with reasoned conscientious beliefs related to sexuality and marriage?

**7. IMMIGRATION:** Urging Congress to undertake extensive immigration reform, rather than adopting piecemeal state policies?

#### 8. JUVENILE JUSTICE:

Establishing that children under 14 shall not be transferred to the adult criminal justice system?

#### 9. PARENTAL

**EMPOWERMENT:** Creating education savings accounts to use for nonpublic school tuition?

#### 10. SAFETY OF

**SCHOOLCHILDREN:** Expanding existing legislative initiatives to harden the physical security of nonpublic schools?