



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>SUPPORT</p>
<p><i>Optional Comments: I'm not a medical professional so this is open for discussion. 5 months is around the lowest amount of time I can get on board with, and I'm glad you brought up the reason is because the fetus can feel pain. My main concern is with preventative measures. We need to be expanding medicaid to the 800,000 who qualify. Once those people have access to birth control, they will not be having unwanted pregnancies in the first place. I am more interested in decreasing abortions the way Colorado did. A privately funded study gave access to IUD's for whoever wanted. Within 5 years, their rates of abortion dropped by 60%. I care about results. We haven't seen those kinds of results here in FL (maybe because we're using the wrong equation). Just an abortion ban is like a band-aid when you need surgery.</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: 800,000 in Florida qualify for medicaid. The money is there, sitting in the state legislator. It is already allocated for by the Federal government. Those people need healthcare.</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: If there is allocated money for affordable housing, it needs to get used for that.</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>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><i>Optional Comments: All sentences should be able to be appealed. Everyone should have a right to as long as it takes with their public defender (there needs to be more of them), not just 7 minutes.</i></p>	
<p>END-OF-LIFE PROTECTION: Preserving Florida law that bans doctor-prescribed suicide?</p>	<p>SUPPORT</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>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: I knew better than my parents and educators at age 12. I am for individual empowerment over parental empowerment always. 18 is the "free at last" age. No one should have to feel imprisoned simply for their age.</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: yes, also many farm workers are victims of sex abuse and wage theft. I will do all that I can to help make life better for immigrants and help speed up their citizenship process.</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: I'm fine with dress codes. I even think they can help.