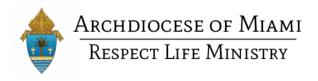
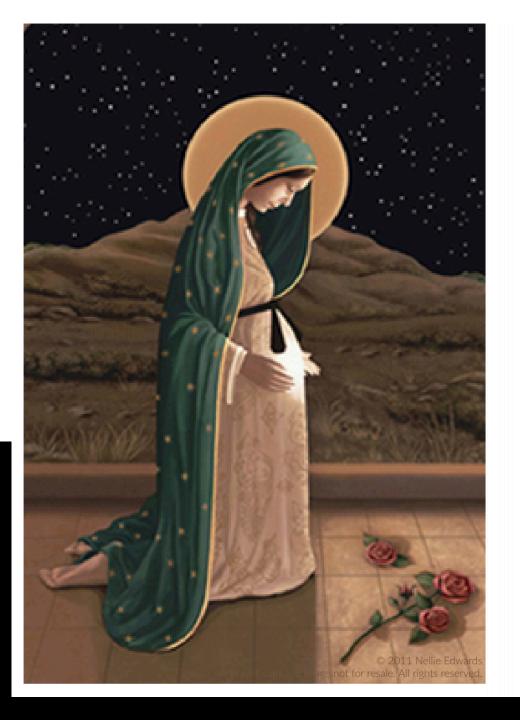


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#### A PRAYER FOR PREGNANT MOTHERS

O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.

Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion.

Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.\* Amen.



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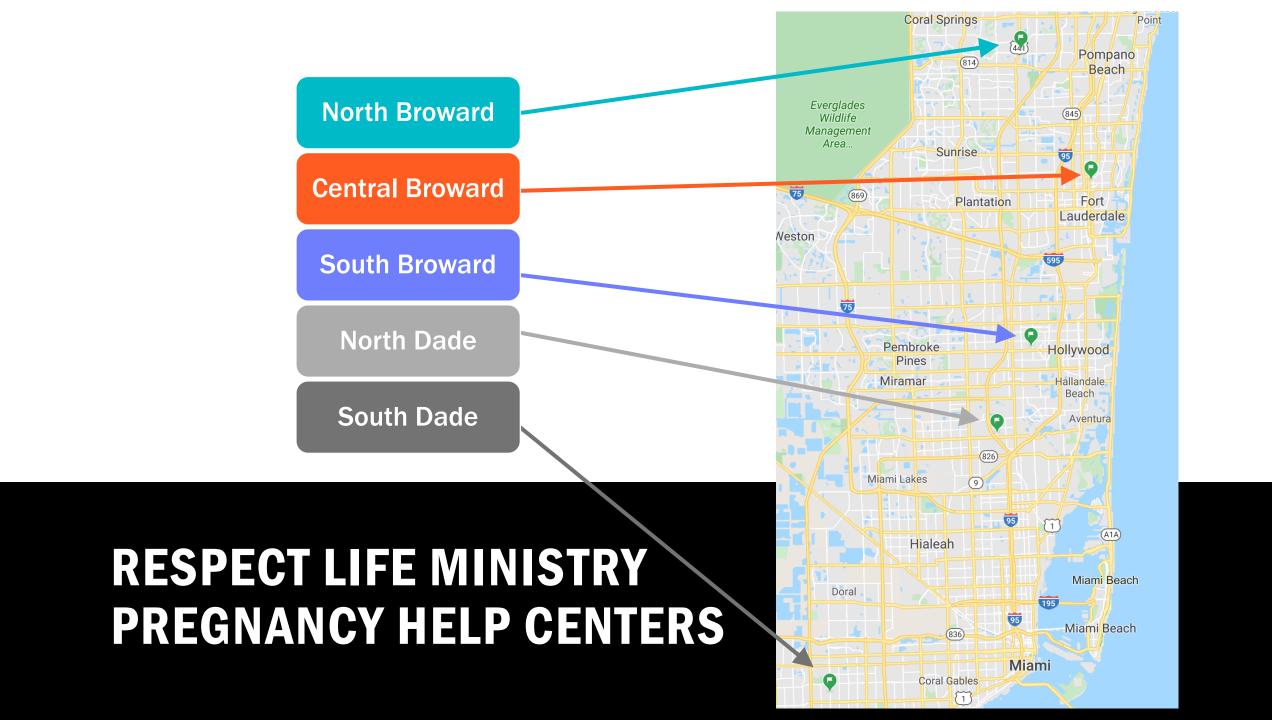
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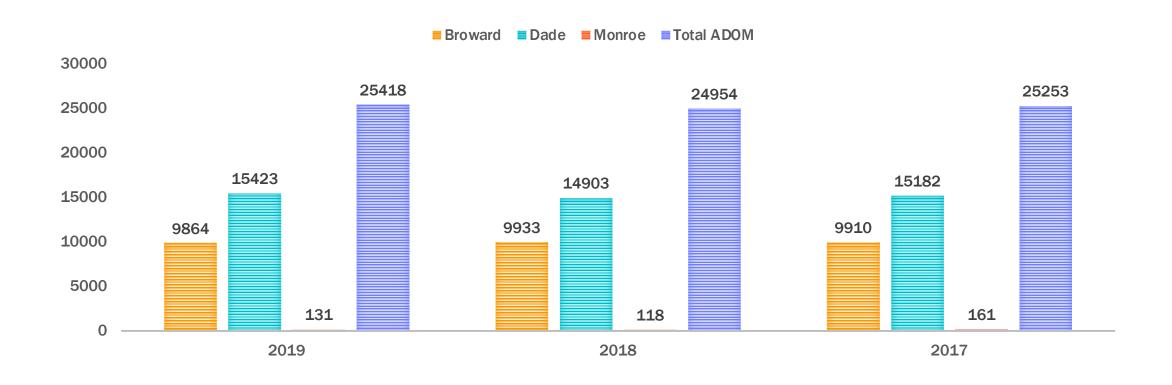
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## THE NEED: ABORTION RATES IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE



### FLORIDA STATISTICS

- FL has the highest rate of "unwanted" pregnancies.
- Nearly half (48%) of all pregnancies in the state of Florida are considered "unwanted" or "wanted later."
- Nearly half (43%) of those tragically end in abortion.

### THE RESPONSE: WALKING WITH MOMS

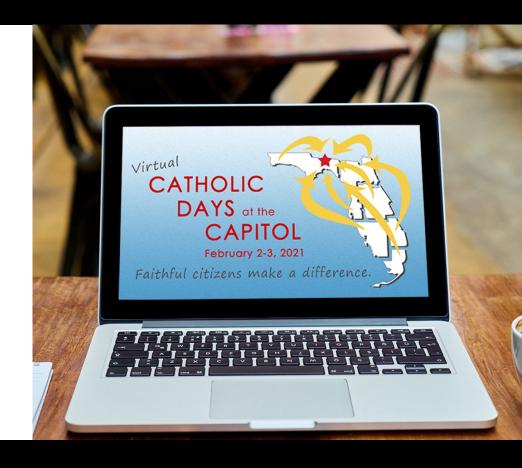


Archbishop Wenski has invited all parishes to participate from July, 2020 to October, 2021.

Visit <u>respectlifemiami.org/walking-with-moms</u> to learn more.

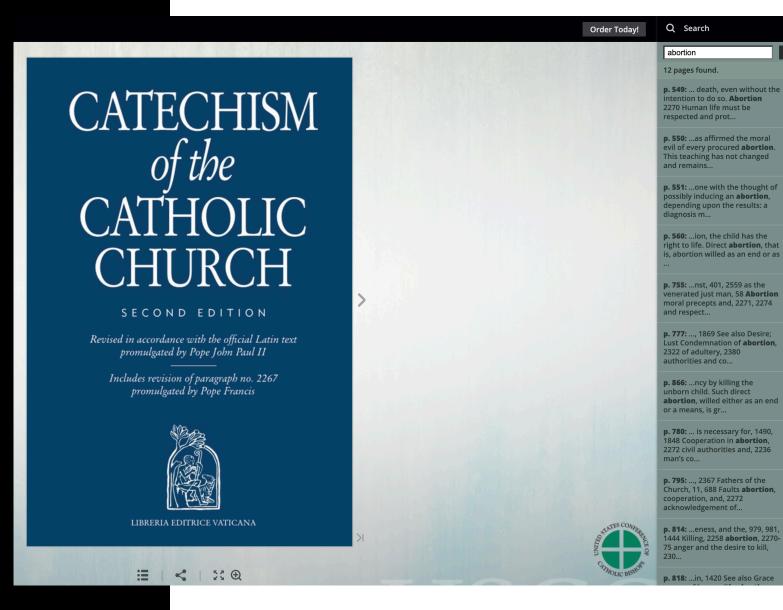


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### CHURCH TEACHING

- In accordance with natural law and accessible to reason
- CCC and magisterial documents available on Vatican or USCCB website



### CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

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#### The Three Principles

KEY PRINCIPLES >

Catholic social teaching is built on three principles: **Human Dignity**, **Solidarity and Subsidiarity** (*Pope St. John Paul II, 55*) ; *Pope Benedict XVI* , the greatest of which the Church insists is the first: A correct understanding of the human person embodied in the principle of **Human Dignity: This is the prime principle!** 

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Catholic social teaching informs us that good governments and good economic systems find ways of fostering the three principles. It "is not an economic or political programme, but it offers a powerful way of thinking about what the common good requires, and how structures in society can promote or undermine human well-being and the requirements of justice." (Vincent Cardinal Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster) >







## LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 2021

- 1. RESPECT FOR LIFE
  - a) ABORTION
  - b) **DEATH PENALTY**
- 2. HEALTH CARE
  - CONSCIENCE RIGHTS
- 3. EDUCATION
  - PARENTAL EMPOWERMENT/SUPPORT

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Thank you for registering for Catholic Days at the Capitol. On this page you will find all the links and resources that you will need for what we hope will be an enjoyable and fruitful virtual Catholic Days at the Capitol experience. For any questions regarding Catholic Days activities, please contact Michele Taylor at mtaylor@flaccb.org or 850-567-7700.

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND LINKS

All events will be held virtually and will be recorded and available to view by registered participants at a later time if desired. Note: All times listed are Eastern Time.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021** 

(Link: https://youtu.be/KkK2YuFZGm8)

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### ABORTION

Ask elected officials to support protection of pain-capable children from abortion.

HB 351 Protection of a Pain-capable Unborn Child from Abortion Rep. Gregory Last Action: 1/20/2021 H Filed

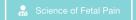
SB 744 Protection of a Pain-capable Unborn Child from Abortion Sen. Rodriguez Last Action: 1/28/2021 S Referred to Health Policy; Judiciary; Appropriations

#### **Victims**

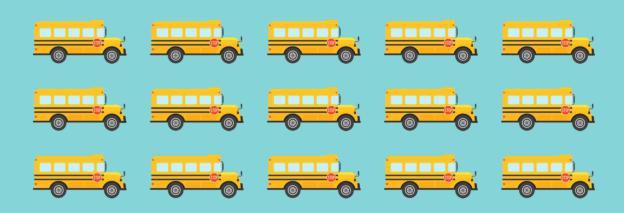
In 2019 there were 915 late term abortions in Florida at 20 weeks or later. That's the equivalent of 15 school buses full of children missing in Florida in just one year. This puts Florida in the company of New York and New Jersey in the top tier of states that allow late-term abortion.

Old notions that unborn babies cannot feel pain are now refuted by a growing body of scientific evidence. The published scientific literature shows that unborn babies can experience pain at 20 weeks probable gestational age.









#### 76% of Florida voters agree!

Polling released in 2019 shows 76% of Florida voters – including 64% of Democrats, 75% of Independents, 77% of women, and 53% of self-described pro-choice voters – support a law prohibiting late-term abortions (only 24% support allowing late-term abortions).

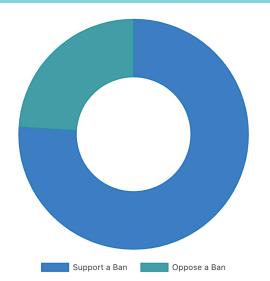












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#### **Health Care Providers**

- - Search Provider Listings
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- Health Care Providers by County [281KB, PDF] Updated: February 2, 2021
- Providers No Longer Licensed 2010 to Present
  - **2009** [631KB, Excel]

#### **Abortion Data - Induced Terminations of Pregnancy [ITOP] Reports**

#### By County **By Gestation Reason Infants Born Alive** • **2020** [14KB,PDF] • **2020** [6KB,PDF] • **2020** [13KB,PDF] • **2019** [15KB PDF] PDF [10KB PDF] E 2019 [6KB,PDF] Page 10 (10 kB, PDF) • **2018** [15KB,PDF] Page 12018 [35KB,PDF]

Reports for prior years can be requested through the Agency's Public Records Office. Identify the year(s) and report(s) requested.

### MORE RESOURCES

From the

USCCB: <a href="https://www.usccb.org/a">https://www.usccb.org/a</a>

bout/pro-life-

activities/upload/Pain-Capable-

**20-weeks-letter-Senate-Feb-**

2020.pdf

From the Charlotte Lozier

Institute: <a href="https://lozierinstitute.or">https://lozierinstitute.or</a>

g/fact-sheet-science-of-fetal-pain/

Please join me in saying no to late-term abortions, and yes to life-affirming alternatives that support and protect both mother and child. I strongly urge you to support S. 3275.

Sincerely,

Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann Archbishop of Kansas City, KS

Chairman, Committee on Pro-Life Activities

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Fact Sheet: Science of Fetal Pain

Charlotte Lozier Institute | February 19, 2020.

Click here to download PDF version: Fact Sheet: Science of Fetal Pain

Unborn babies can feel pain by 20 weeks gestation or earlier

### DEATH PENALTY

Ask elected officials to Co-sponsor repeal bills

- SB 568 (Farmer)
- HB 6019 (Geller)

#### respectlifemiami.org/in-the-news



#### THE EXECUTION OF LISA MONTGOMERY

**January 18, 2021** | Post on the death penalty by Rebecca Brady in collaboration with Dcn. Farias, Director of Prison Ministry for the Archdiocese of Miami's Let's *Talk* Blog.

#### Florida's Death Penalty: A Brief History

**1924**—Frank Johnson is the first inmate executed in Florida's electric chair.

**1972**—In *Furman vs. Georgia*, the U.S. Supreme Court holds that capital punishment is unconstitutional, striking down state death penalty laws nationwide and creating new guidelines for a new death penalty.

**1976**—The Supreme Court begins to approve new state laws for capital punishment.

**1979**—Executions resume in Florida; John Spenkelink becomes the first death row inmate to be executed under the new statutes.

**1998**—Judias "Judy" Buenoano becomes the first woman to die in Florida's electric chair.

**2000**—Florida passes legislation allowing lethal injection as an alternative execution method; Edward Castro, through lethal injection, is the 50th executed inmate in Florida.

**2016**—In *Hurst vs. Florida*, the U.S. Supreme Court finds that Florida's death sentencing scheme violates the U.S. Constitution which requires a jury, not a judge, to make the findings necessary to impose a death sentence.

**2017**—In response to *Hurst*, Florida governor signs into law a bill requiring juries be unanimous in recommending a death sentence. Prior to this law, Florida was the only state with the death penalty that did not require juries be unanimous in the finding of aggravating circumstances and allowed a simple majority vote (7-5) to impose a death sentence.

#### Florida's Death Penalty: Today

As of July 2019, 341 individuals are on Florida's death row; three of them are women.<sup>1</sup>

As of July 2019, 98 in mates have been executed since Florida reinstated the death penalty in 1976.  $^{\rm 2}$ 

In 2016, Florida was one of only five states that carried out executions, was one of only five states that imposed more than one death sentence, and housed the country's second largest death row.<sup>3</sup>

#### Florida's Death Penalty: The Problem

Racial disparities: Research has consistently come to the conclusion that defendants are much more likely to be sentenced to death if the victims are white. In 2017, Mark Asay became the first white person executed in Florida for killing an African American person.

Florida is an outlier: 20 states and the District of Columbia have repealed the death penalty. An additional four have declared gubernatorial moratoria.

In 2016, the Fair Punishment Project published a report identifying 16 counties, out of 3000+ nationwide, that sentenced more than five people to death between 2010-2015. Four of them are in Florida.

**Arbitrariness:** Florida's new law requiring jury unanimity to impose a death sentence has been held to be partially retroactive, only allowing those whose sentences were finalized after June 2002 to be eligible for resentencing.

Cost: It is estimated that one execution costs taxpayers \$20 million. Taxpayers pay approximately \$51 million per year to enforce the death penalty in Florida, above and beyond what it would cost to punish all first-degree murderers with life in prison without parole.<sup>4</sup>

**Alternatives exist:** The appeals and retrials processes frequently end in a life sentence, a result that readily could have been obtained with far less expense.

**Botched executions:** At least five Florida executions have had complications leading to extraordinary suffering, most recently in the 2006 case of Angel Diaz.<sup>5</sup>

Have we executed the innocent? As of July 2019, Florida has exonerated and freed 29 inmates from death row, more than any other state in the country.

According to a 2009 statement by Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, the Supreme Court "has never held that the Constitution forbids the execution of a convicted defendant who has had a full and fair trial but is later able to convince a habeas court that he is 'actually' innocent." <sup>6</sup>

#### Florida's Death Penalty: What the Catholic Church Teaches

"Recourse to the death penalty on the part of legitimate authority, following a fair trial, was long considered an appropriate response to the gravity of certain crimes and an acceptable, albeit extreme, means of safeguarding the common good.

Today, however, there is an increasing awareness that the dignity of the person is not lost even after the commission of very serious crimes. In addition, a new understanding has emerged of the significance of penal sanctions imposed by the state.

Lastly, more effective systems of detention have been developed, which ensure the due protection of citizens but, at the same time, do not definitively deprive the guilty of the possibility of redemption.

Consequently, the Church teaches, in the light of the Gospel, that 'the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person', and she works with determination for its abolition worldwide." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 2267)

"You shall not kill." (Exodus 20:13)

"Do not court death by your erring way of life, nor draw to yourselves destruction by the works of your hands. Because God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living." (Wisdom 1:12-13)

"...we do not wish to have the sufferings of the servants of God avenged by the infliction of precisely similar injuries in the way of retaliation. Not, of course, that we object to the removal from these wicked men of the liberty to perpetrate further crimes; but our desire is rather justice be satisfied without taking of their lives..." (St. Augustine, Letter 133)

"When the state, in our names and with our taxes, ends a human life despite having non-lethal alternatives, it suggests that society can overcome violence with violence. The use of the death penalty ought to be abandoned not only for what it does to those who are executed, but for what it does to all of society." (USCCB, A Culture of Life and the Penalty of Death)

#### flaccb.org/death-penalty

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Florida Department of Corrections, "Death Row Roster."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Death Penalty Information Center, "Execution Database."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Death Penalty Information Center, "The Death Penalty in 2016: Year End Report."

<sup>4&</sup>quot;The High Price of Killing Killers," Palm Beach Post, January 4, 2000.

<sup>5</sup>Death Penalty Information Center, "Examples of Post-Furman Botched Executions." 6 "Death row doubts? Not in the mind of Justice Scalia," Fort Wayne Journal Gazette Editorial. September 9, 2014.

### CONSCIENCE PROTECTIONS

Ask elected officials to support the Medical Ethics & Diversity (MED) Act when filed.

### **EDUCATION**

**Support SB 48** 

Expand access to scholarships & empower parents with school choice

### TIPS FOR MEETINGS



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### HOW TO TRACK A BILL

#### Go to FLsenate.gov

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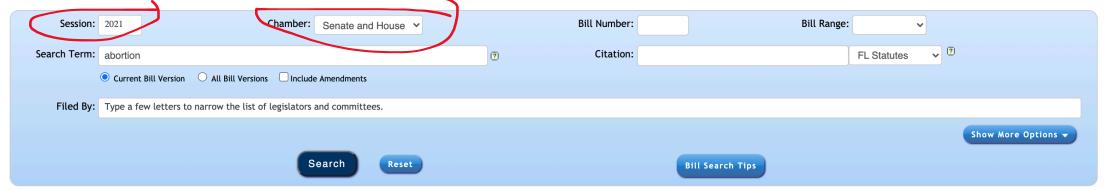


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Searching: 2021, Senate and House Bills, abortion

#### 7 Bills Found

NUMBER	TITLE	FILED BY	LAST ACTION AND LOCATION	TRACK BILL
HB 241	Parents' Bill of Rights	Rep. Grall	Last Action: 1/22/2021 H Referred to Health and Human Services Committee; Judiciary Committee; Education and Employment Committee	
HB 351	Protection of a Pain-capable Unborn Child from Abortion	Rep. Gregory	Last Action: 1/20/2021 H Filed	*
SB 582	Parental Rights	Sen. Rodrigues	Last Action: 1/21/2021 S Referred to Judiciary; Education; Rules	
<u>SB 744</u>	Protection of a Pain-capable Unborn Child from Abortion	Sen. Rodriguez	Last Action: 1/28/2021 S Referred to Health Policy; Judiciary; Appropriations	*

#### The Florida Senate COMMITTEE VOTE RECORD

**COMMITTEE:** Education

ITEM: SB 48

FINAL ACTION: Favorable with Committee Substitute

**MEETING DATE:** Wednesday, February 3, 2021

**TIME:** 9:00—11:30 a.m. **PLACE:** 412 Knott Building

FINAL VOTE					2/03/2021 2 2/03/2021			
					Amendment 876706  Berman		Amendment 453090  Diaz	
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#### WHAT IS FLCAN?

The Florida Catholic Advocacy Network or **FLCAN** is a statewide, online community established by the bishops of Florida that exists to connect, educate, and mobilize Catholics across Florida's seven dioceses on public policy issues pertaining to life, dignity, and the common good.

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Lt. Governor Jeanette Nunez (R-FL)



Secretary of State Laurel Lee (R-FL)



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#### ISSUE BACKGROUNDERS

You may wish to refer to the issue backgrounders as you view the legislative brefing on Tuesday, February 2. Backgrounders will be updated as new information is received.

- Abortion / Death Penalty
- Medical Ethics and Diversity Act
- State Scholarship Programs

Messages for Legislative Visits - This document may be sent to legislators in advance of or during your virtual meetings.

#### **ACTION ALERT**

As Catholic Days at the Capitol participants meet with legislators, you can add your voice by sending an email to your elected officials. By asking your state lawmakers to support our Catholic Days priority issues, you amplify the efforts of Catholic Days participants and help advance legislation that promotes human life and dignity. **Take action and help advocate for Catholic Days priorities** 

#### OTHER RESOURCES

**2021 FCCB Public Policy Priorities** 

**Themes of Catholic Social Teaching** 

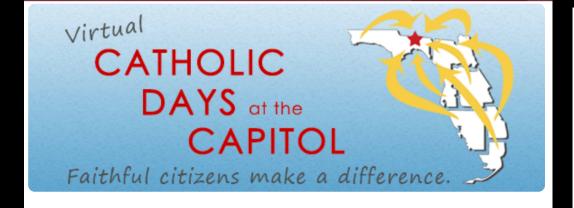
Statement on the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Life

**Reported Abortions 2011-2020** 

2020-2021 Catholic School Statistics

2020-2021 Participation in the State Scholarship Programs

https://www.flaccb.org/cdac-participants



#### ADD YOUR VOICE TO HELP ADVOCATE FOR CATHOLIC DAYS AT THE CAPITOL PRIORITIES

On February 2-3, over 300 faithful citizens participated in the 2021 Virtual Catholic Days at the Capitol. Many of those participants are meeting virtually with legislators to advocate support for the following priority policy concerns.

- <u>Improved regulation of abortion laws (bill not yet filed) and prohibiting abortion after 20</u> <u>weeks gestation - SB 744 (Rodriguez, A.) / HB 351 (Gregory)</u>
- Repeal of the death penalty SB 568 (Farmer) / HB 6019 (Geller)
- Conscience protections for health care providers Medical Ethics and Diversity (MED) Act (bill not yet filed)
- <u>Expanded access to state scholarship programs for students currently in private schools</u> and increased parental empowerment by converting state scholarship programs to educational savings accounts - SB 48 (Diaz)

For backgrounders with more information on each of these issues, please click the links above.

**TAKE ACTION:** By sending a message to your state lawmakers you amplify the efforts of Catholic Days at the Capitol participants and help advance legislation that promotes human life and dignity.

#### **Compose Your Message**

- State Senator
- State Representative

#### **Subject**

I add my voice in support of Catholic Days at the Capitol Priorities

#### Message Body As a constituent, I add my voice to those who have reached out to you through participation in Catholic Days at the Capitol. I urge your support of the following proposals: **Enter Your Info Your Information** Prefix \* First Name \* Last Name \* Fmail \* Send me text alerts Mobile Number \* **Home Information** Street Address \* Enter Zip for City and State ZIP Code \* **Business Information** Your Title Company Street Address Enter Zip for City and State ZIP Code Other Information Diocese -- Please select --To select your parish, please type full name (for example Saint, not St.) Parish ✓ Send me email alerts ✓ Remember me **Send Message**

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Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service

**PHASES 5 & 6** 

THURSDAY, March 11, 2021 (English)



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