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<b>Bill No.</b>		<b>Title and Summary</b>	<b>Diocesan Analysis/Catholic Social Doctrine implicated</b>	<b>Bill Status</b>
<b>HOUSE</b>	<b>HOUSE</b>	<b>HOUSE</b>	<b>HOUSE</b>	<b>HOUSE</b>
<b>HB 41</b>	<b>Eliason</b>	<b>Mental Health Crisis Line:</b> addresses the operation of the state mental health crisis line and local mental health crisis lines.	<b>Support</b> as protecting the dignity and sanctity of life by ensuring that crisis lines are staffed 24 hours/day.	<b>PHS E</b>
<b>HB 42</b>	<b>Eliason, Thatcher</b>	<b>Medicaid Waiver for Mental Health Crisis:</b> requires the Department of Health to seek a Medicaid waiver for certain mental health crisis resources.	<b>Support</b> as option for the poor and vulnerable. Expands opportunities for people to seek mental health care despite limited financial resources. Promotes dignity of the human person.	<b>PHS E</b>
<b>HB 57</b>	<b>Westwood</b>	<b>Utah Intergenerational Poverty Work and Self-Sufficiency Tax Credit:</b> enacts a state earned income tax credit for individuals who meet definition of intergenerational poverty.	<b>Support</b> as option for the poor. People in poverty are often trapped in an intergenerational cycle that prevents them from pursuing higher education and finding higher paying jobs. This bill apportions a tax credit that will assist them in breaking the cycle.	<b>PH PSC FSC</b>
<b>HB 63</b>	<b>Kwan</b>	<b>Cosmetology and Associated Professions:</b> modifies provisions related to cosmetology and associated professions and allows the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing to offer required examinations for cosmetology and related professions in languages in addition to English.	<b>Support</b> as protecting the dignity of the worker. Provides non-native speakers with the ability to apply for a job and supports female-dominated professions.	<b>PHS E</b>

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<b>HB 70</b>	<b>Handy</b>	<b>Costs for Aggravated Murder Offenses:</b> provides the auditor with guidelines for determining the scope of costs incurred by capital cases, including when the death penalty is sought and when it is not; describes the various prosecutions and outcomes regarding capital cases, including conviction and plea bargains; and directs that the auditor report to the Legislature, including recommendations.	<b>Support</b> as protecting the sanctity of life. While cost should not be the determining factor in whether the state executes people, the high cost of the death penalty is one reason many states have abandoned the penalty.	<b>PH SRC</b>
<b>HB 86 1st sub</b>	<b>McKell</b>	<b>Manslaughter Amendments:</b> defines terms; expands the crime of manslaughter to include intentionally and knowingly providing another with the physical means to commit suicide; and makes technical changes.	<b>Support</b> as protecting the dignity and sanctity of life.	<b>PHS E</b>
<b>HB 111</b>	<b>Coleman</b>	<b>Community Reinvestment Agency Modifications:</b> removes the affordable housing allocation requirement for certain community reinvestment project areas.	<b>Oppose</b> as against the dignity of life and option for the poor. Affordable housing in Utah is becoming completely unobtainable for more and more people in poverty or on the brink of poverty. Removing incentives to build affordable housing is poor policy.	<b>PHC HRC</b>
<b>HB 117</b>	<b>King</b>	<b>Hourly Wage Increase Amendments:</b> increases the minimum wage for a private or public employee within the state; provides for future increases of the minimum wage obligation; limits the Labor Commission's oversight of the minimum wage.	<b>Support</b> as providing option for the poor and protecting the dignity of life. A large proportion of single mothers and working poor families rely on part-time minimum wage jobs. Even full-time employees cannot afford basic needs on Utah's \$7.35/hour minimum wage.	<b>FHC</b>
<b>HB 118</b>	<b>King</b>	<b>Cash Wage Obligation Minimum For Tipped Employees:</b> specifies the minimum cash wage obligation an employer is required to pay a tipped employee; limits the Labor Commission's	<b>Support</b> as providing option for the poor and protecting the dignity of life. A large proportion of single mothers and working poor families rely on tipped wages. Even full-time employees cannot	<b>FHC</b>

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		oversight of the cash wage obligation; and makes technical and conforming changes.	afford basic needs on Utah's \$3.25/hour minimum wage for tipped workers.	
<b>HB 125</b>	<b>King</b>	<b>Duty to Assist in an Emergency:</b> defines term; makes it a class B misdemeanor to fail to provide assistance in the event of a crime or another emergency; amends provisions of the Good Samaritan Act to provide immunity from liability to a person who provides assistance in accordance with the requirements of this bill; and makes technical changes.	<b>Support</b> as protecting the dignity and sanctity of life.	<b>PHC FH</b>
<b>HB 129</b>	<b>Maloy</b>	<b>Self-Defense Amendments:</b> provides that an individual is not required to retreat from an aggressor even if there is a safe place to which the individual can retreat; provides that an individual's failure to retreat is not relevant when determining whether the individual acted reasonably	<b>Oppose</b> as against the sanctity of life. Stand your ground laws have been linked to increases in homicides, especially homicides by firearm.	<b>PH PSC SRC</b>
<b>HB 148 1st Sub</b>	<b>Quinn</b>	<b>Tax Revisions:</b> increases the general state sales and use tax rate; and reduces the state sales and use tax rate on food and food ingredients.	<b>Support.</b> Eliminating the sales tax on food provides more opportunity for low income individuals and families to afford this most basic necessity. The slight increase in the sales tax is far less regressive than the food tax and has been shown to have less of an impact on households with limited income.	<b>PHC PH FSC</b>
<b>HB 156</b>	<b>Weight</b>	<b>Family Leave Amendments:</b> defines terms; requires executive branch agencies and departments and higher education employers to provide an eligible employee paid parental leave	Support as protecting the dignity and sanctity of life. Though limited in scope, this bill provides state recognition of the importance of family and promotes the health and well-being of new mothers.	<b>HRC</b>

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		upon the birth or adoption of the employee's child; and requires the Department of Human Resource Management and the State Board of Regents to adopt rules to administer parental leave.		
<b>HB 170</b>	<b>Pulsipher</b>	<b>Licensing Fee Waivers Amendments:</b> Provides that an applicant applying for a license from the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing does not have to pay fees under certain circumstances.	<b>Support</b> as providing preferential option for the poor and promoting the dignity of work.	<b>PHS E</b>
<b>HB 189</b>	<b>Spackman Moss</b>	<b>Driver License Exam Revisions:</b> changes the term of a limited-term license certificate issued to an approved asylee or refugee from four years to five years; allows an approved asylee or refugee applicant for a limited-term driver license certificate renewing the limited-term license certificate for the first time to take the written examination in the person's native language; requires that upon the second renewal of an approved asylee's or refugee's limited-term driver license certificate, the applicant shall take the written examination in English.	<b>Support</b> as protecting the dignity of life. Identification and transportation are key to getting and maintaining employment and schooling, among other things. This bill helps reduce a barrier for refugees success.	<b>PHS E</b>
<b>HB 205</b>	<b>Lisonbee</b>	<b>Down Syndrome Nondiscrimination Abortion Act:</b> requires a physician to provide certain information to a pregnant woman when a prenatal screening or diagnostic test indicates that the pregnant woman's unborn child has or may have Down syndrome; prohibits a person from performing, inducing, or attempting to perform or induce an abortion on a pregnant woman who	<b>Watch.</b> The Catholic position on abortion does not allow for exceptions and we believe all babies should be protected from abortion.	<b>PH PSC SRC</b>

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		is seeking the abortion because an unborn child has, or may have, Down syndrome; requires the pathology report to provide information about whether an aborted child had or may have had Down syndrome; requires a physician who performed an abortion to affirm that the physician did not have knowledge that the pregnant woman sought the abortion because the unborn child had or may have had Down syndrome		
<b>HB 210</b>	<b>Chavez-Houck</b>	<b>End of Life Options Act:</b> Legalizes assisted suicide.	<b>OPPOSE.</b> Dignity and sanctity of life. For more complete analysis and talking points, visit <a href="https://www.dioslc.org/outreach/government-liaison-peace-and-justice-ministry/93-assisted-suicide-and-the-sanctity-of-life">https://www.dioslc.org/outreach/government-liaison-peace-and-justice-ministry/93-assisted-suicide-and-the-sanctity-of-life</a>	<b>HRC</b>
<b>HB 259 1st Sub</b>	<b>Wilde</b>	<b>Moderate Income Housing Amendments:</b> requires that the general plan of a county or municipality, other than a town, allow and plan for moderate income housing growth; relocates code provisions that prohibit damages in a civil action claiming that a county or municipality is in violation of the requirement to adopt a plan to provide a realistic opportunity to meet the need for additional moderate income housing; limits the circumstances under which a county or municipality may deny a land use application for moderate income housing; repeals provisions requiring a biennial review of the moderate income housing element of a general plan.	<b>Support</b> as increasing the dignity of life for people struggling to find affordable housing.	<b>PH PSC SRC PHS</b>

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<b>HB 283</b>	<b>Edwards</b>	<b>Workplace Protection Amendments:</b> requires certain claims involving employers with fewer than 15 employees to proceed to an evidentiary hearing without a division investigation; provides additional state remedies for claims involving employers with fewer than 15 employees	<b>Support</b> as protecting the dignity of work by ensuring employees are protected from discrimination regardless of the size of the business.	<b>FHC</b>
<b>HB 379</b>	<b>Froerer</b>	<b>Death Penalty Amendments:</b> prohibits the state from seeking the death penalty for aggravated murder committed before May 8, 2018, unless the state filed the notice of intent to seek the death penalty before May 8, 2018; and prohibits the state from seeking the death penalty for aggravated murder committed after May 7, 2018.	<b>SUPPORT</b> as protecting the sanctity of life.	<b>PHC FH</b>
<b>HB 430</b>	<b>Edwards</b>	<b>Affordable Housing Amendments:</b> creates the Commission on Housing Affordability in the Department of Workforce Services;	<b>Support</b> as providing preferential option for the poor. All of Utah's efforts to address homelessness are meaningless without affordable housing. The commission created under the bill would look at housing needs statewide and respond to those needs with a more coordinated, data-informed plan..	<b>PHS E</b>
<b>3rd sub HB 462</b>	<b>Eliason</b>	<b>Homeless Services Amendments:</b> allocates \$6.6 million to the Division of Workforce Services to fund operations within the homeless resource centers.	<b>Support</b> as one step toward addressing the need for affordable housing and support the dignity of life for people in poverty.	<b>PHS E</b>
<b>HB 464</b>	<b>Briscoe</b>	<b>Affordable Housing Bond:</b> authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds to pay for certain affordable housing project	<b>Support</b> as promoting preferential option for the poor and the dignity of life. The bill provides much needed funding for more affordable housing.	<b>PHC HRC</b>
<b>HCR 1</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Concurrent Resolution on Global Warming and Climate Change:</b> acknowledges that average global temperature and average Utah	<b>Support</b> as care for the environment.	<b>FHC</b>

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		<p>temperature have increased substantially over recent decades, and that scientific consensus is that a substantial cause for these increases is human-caused emissions; and commits that the Legislature and Governor will base decisions regarding state energy policies on the best scientific evidence available and urges individuals and corporations to conserve energy.</p>		
<b>HCR 7</b>	<b>Edwards</b>	<p><b>Concurrent Resolution on Environmental and Economic Stewardship:</b> acknowledges Utah's tradition of stewardship, innovation, ingenuity, and problem solving; recognizes the need for responsible stewardship and prudent management of natural resources; recognizes the impacts of a changing climate on Utah citizens; expresses commitment to create and support economically viable and broadly supported solutions, including in rural communities; encourages the use and analysis of sound science to understand the causes and impacts of local and regional climates; encourages resilient ecosystems that can better adapt to our changing environment; and encourages the reduction of emissions through incentives and the support of growth in technologies and services that enlarge the economy.</p>	<p><b>Support</b> as a message regarding the importance of care for creation, preferential option for the poor, and protecting the dignity and sanctity of life.</p>	<p><b>PH</b>  <b>PSC</b>  <b>SRC</b>  <b>PS</b></p>

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<b>HR 1</b>	<b>Hollins</b>	<b>House Resolution Urging Restorative Justice in Utah’s Education System:</b> encourages the State Board of Education and Utah's school districts to implement restorative justice programs in Utah's public primary and secondary schools as a way to help Utah's students stay in school and deal with their challenges in a healthier and more constructive way; and encourages the State Board of Education and Utah's school districts to implement restorative justice programs in Utah's public primary and secondary schools as a means to help school districts better manage their student disciplinary issues.	<b>Support</b> as promoting the dignity of life. The Catholic Church has long supported restorative justice as a better means of addressing behavior.	<b>PHC PH E</b>
<b>SENATE</b>	<b>SENATE</b>	<b>SENATE</b>	<b>SENATE</b>	<b>SENATE</b>
<b>SB48</b>	<b>Christensen</b>	<b>Medicaid Waiting Period:</b> requires a five-year waiting period for legal immigrants to receive benefits through the Children’s Health Insurance Program.	<b>Oppose</b> as against the dignity and sanctity of life. Since CHIP is federally funded, there is no economic or other sound moral reason to require legal immigrant children to wait for five critical years before accessing health insurance.	<b>SRC</b>
<b>SB 54</b>	<b>Christensen</b>	<b>Marriage and Premarital Counseling and Education Amendments:</b> addresses premarital counseling or education, including: certifying completion of premarital counseling or education; reducing the marriage license fee if requirements for premarital counseling or education are met; providing what activities are included in premarital counseling and education.	<b>Support</b> as defending the call to family, community and participation.	<b>PSH E</b>

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<b>SB 86</b>	<b>Thatcher</b>	<p><b>Victim Targeting Penalty Amendments:</b> provides for an enhanced penalty for a criminal offense if the offender acted against an individual because of the offender's perception of the individual's ancestry, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, national origin, race, religion, or sexual orientation; provides the same enhancement provisions if the criminal offense damages property and the offender acted against the property because of the offender's perception of the property owner's ancestry, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, national origin, race, religion, or sexual orientation; and provides that this bill does not affect an individual's constitutional right of free speech or any other constitutional rights.</p>	<p><b>Support</b> as protecting the dignity of life by providing a more effective tool to address prejudice and bias that fuels acts of violence.</p>	<b>SRC</b>
<b>SB 118</b>	Weiler	<p><b>Abortion Law Amendments:</b> prohibits certain abortions outside of an abortion clinic or a hospital; amends provisions relating to informed consent; removes the requirement for the department of Health to create a brochure and an informational video; requires the Department of Health to maintain a website with specified information; requires the Department of Health to develop an information module with specified information; requires the Department of Health to make rules and pursue administrative and legal remedies to ensure compliance with provisions of abortion law</p>	<p><b>Support</b> as protecting the sanctity of life. The bill improves the informed consent process by updating current methods of providing information to a format that is more accessible and less prone to bias.</p>	<b>PSH E</b>

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<b>SB 196</b>	<b>Christensen</b>	<b>Homeless Identification Documents:</b> waives fees to obtain certain identification documents for an individual who is verified as homeless;	<b>Support</b> as providing preferential option to the poor. Lack of identification is one of the bigger hurdles for people experiencing homelessness to find employment and housing. This bill would help reduce that barrier.	<b>PSH E</b>
<b>SJR 3</b>	<b>Thatcher</b>	<b>Joint Resolution Amending Rules of Evidence – Victim Selection:</b> provides that a criminal defendant's expressions or associations are not admissible as evidence of the defendant's selection of the victim for purposes of a victim selection penalty enhancement, except when the evidence: specifically relates to the crime charged; or is introduced for impeachment.	<b>Support</b> as protecting the dignity of life. This bill is a required component to SB 86.	<b>SRC</b>

Key: C-Committee    E-Enrolled    H-House    S-Senate    F-Failed    P-passed    V-Vetoed by Governor    GO-sent to Governor's Office for Action