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Life: Created by God, honored by man.

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Anglicans For Life is grateful to Dandelion Ministries for permission to feature artist Sean Norris' EP album of 5 praise songs during today's SUMMIT. Visit DandelionMinistries.org to learn about their ministry, locate their collection of songs, and view their resources. AFL recommends the song "One For You," for anyone who has suffered through the death of an unborn child.

Welcome

Welcome to our first post-*Roe* Life SUMMIT! We praise God for the historic decision made by the U.S. Supreme Court on June 24, 2022 that overturned almost 50 years of legalized abortion in the United States.

While we celebrate the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* and the thousands of lives that will be saved, God's people must also be prepared to help women facing unplanned pregnancies, as well as offering support to the aged and terminally ill. Life SUMMIT 2023 has been designed to empower you to be an effective minister of the Gospel of Life to those that are lost and lonely in your community.

As our culture celebrates and embraces death via abortion and euthanasia, Scripture calls us to protect and value life. The goal of Life SUMMIT 2023 is to mobilize God's people to bear witness to the Sanctity of Life through education, pastoral care, Life-Affirming ministry and biblical advocacy within the local church and in every community.

We pray that Life SUMMIT 2023 will provide practical ideas and inspiration so that you can impact today's culture with the truth that God is the loving Creator of every human being, and He has purpose for every life!

Our hope is that this event will be interactive and create an environment where we can learn from each other, discuss strategies, and prepare for Life-Affirming ministry in this post-*Roe* world!

The theme for Life SUMMIT 2023 is Life: Created by God, honored by man. While it captures the truth about life, we hope it will also inspire you to appreciate the role you play in protecting and celebrating every human being from conception to natural death.

As God's representatives in today's culture, we must help the people around us see every life as a gift. Where fear fuels a culture of death, God's love and creative nature inspires hope and support in times of trouble and affliction.

Our Prayer Team has been praying for you to be here today, as we firmly believe you have been called to be part of God's work in 2023 and beyond. As we humble ourselves, listening for the Holy Spirit's guidance, the Lord will indeed empower us for action in His name and for His glory. May Life SUMMIT 2023 encourage and strengthen you in Christ.

Blessings in Jesus' Name,



The Rt. Rev. John Guernsey



Canon Georgette Forney



How Did Roe Get Overturned?



Carrie Campbell Severino

President, Judicial Crisis Network, and Author

Carrie Campbell Severino, is president of the Judicial Crisis Network, and co-author with Mollie Hemingway of the bestselling book *Justice on Trial: The Kavanaugh Confirmation and the Future of the Court*. As a go-to expert on the confirmation process, Mrs. Severino has been extensively quoted in the media and regularly appears on television, including FOX, CNN, MSNBC, C-SPAN and ABC's *This Week*.

Severino writes and speaks on a wide range of judicial issues, including the constitutional limits on government, the federal nomination process, and state judicial selection.

She was a law clerk to Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas and to Judge David B. Sentelle of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, and is a graduate of Harvard Law School (J.D.), Duke University (B.A., Biology), and Michigan State University (M.A., Linguistics).

 @JCNSeverino

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Key Take-Away:

Action Ideas/Plan:

 Visit [LifeSavingLaws.com](https://www.lifesavinglaws.com) to view current state abortion legislation/judicial status.

The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly of Science and Bioethics

David Prentice, Ph.D

Vice President and Director of Research, The Lozier Institute

David A. Prentice is Vice President and Research Director for the Charlotte Lozier Institute. He is also Adjunct Professor of Molecular Genetics at the John Paul II Institute, The Catholic University of America, and was a Founding Advisory Board Member for the Midwest Stem Cell Therapy Center, a unique comprehensive stem cell center in Kansas that he was instrumental in creating. In 2020, he was appointed by the Secretary of HHS to the federal Human Fetal Tissue Ethics Advisory Board. Dr. Prentice has over 40 years experience as a scientific researcher and professor, including previous service as senior fellow for life sciences at the Family Research Council, Professor of Life Sciences at Indiana State University, and Adjunct Professor of Medical and Molecular Genetics, Indiana University School of Medicine.



He established Stem Cell Research Facts, an educational website providing scientific facts and patient-centered videos about adult stem cells, and is a founding member of Do No Harm: The Coalition of Americans for Research Ethics, and an advisory board member for the Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity. He has provided scientific advice for numerous medical professionals, legislators, policymakers and organizations at the state, federal, and international levels.

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Key Take-Away:

Action Ideas/Plan:

What is Prenatal Hospice Care?



Dr. John Bruchalski

Founder, Tepeyac OB/GYN and Founder & President, Divine Mercy Care

Dr. Bruchalski is the Founder of Tepeyac OB/GYN, a pro-life, faith-based practice in Fairfax, Virginia serving women in the D.C. metropolitan area for over 25 years. Tepeyac's unique model is the first of its kind to provide patients, including those who are uninsured or low income, with quality medical care of the highest Life-Affirming standards.

Dr. John Bruchalski received his M.D. from the University of South Alabama College of Medicine in Mobile, AL in 1987. During his training, Dr. Bruchalski performed abortions believing he was helping women. After a spiritual awakening, he realized abortion was not achieving freedom, health, and happiness for women. Dr. Bruchalski stopped performing abortions, returned to the faith, and felt God's call to start a medical practice that truly helped women.

 @drjohnbruchalski

 @JohnBruchalski

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Key Take-Away:

Action Ideas/Plan:

Beauty for Ashes

Sharon Annichino

Minister, Speaker, Photographer, Mom

Sharon Annichino is a missionary minister, public speaker, photographer, and mother of three. She is working towards a Ph. D in Intercultural Studies and Theology. Sharon has started a podcast called *Fine-Tuned* and has a lifetime of experience and a plethora of skills that cover a vast array of abilities. Of those abilities are, matchmaking, consulting, marketing, business development, event management and conflict resolution. But none so significant as her bravery to give life when others would not have. With one of her pregnancies, her volition was taken from her, and she conceived her child in one of the worst ways imaginable. Her story of this journey tells the tale of how healing can come from trauma. How new life can bring light to darkness. It brings the personification of the Scripture in Isaiah that He does, "gives a crown of beauty for ashes!"



 @thetruemuse

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Key Take-Away:

Action Ideas/Plan:

Transforming Conversations with Common Ground



Steve Wagner

Executive Director, Justice For All (JFA)

Steve Wagner is the Executive Director of Justice For All (JFA). Steve has regularly engaged abortion-choice advocates in dialogue over two decades full-time. He has logged more than a thousand hours of conversation on 50 university campuses.

Steve's passion is training Christians to love the woman, the child, and the abortion-choice advocate equally at every moment of every conversation. Steve is the author of *Common Ground Without Compromise: 25 Questions to Create Dialogue on Abortion*, and he has also contributed articles to other books. (See www.jfaweb.org to download his book for free.)

Prior to his work at JFA, Steve served as a speaker at Stand to Reason (www.str.org). A native Californian, Steve now resides with his wife, Rebecca, and their five children in the Washington, D.C. area. In his spare time, Steve enjoys good coffee, the antics of his kids, writing songs, and thinking of ways to surprise people.

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Key Take-Away:

Action Ideas/Plan:

Life From the Womb to the Tomb

Christopher W. Bogosh

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse, Pastor, Author

Christopher W. Bogosh, RN-BC, B.Th. is a psychiatric-mental health nurse and pastor with more than twenty-five years of experience. He is the author of several books and articles on medical ethics from a Christian worldview perspective. After an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army as a medical specialist, Chris pursued a degree in nursing. After graduating from Massachusetts Bay Community College's nursing program in 1997, he enrolled in Haddington House on Prince Edward Island. In 2009, Chris earned a Bachelor of Theology honors and received ordination. Chris passed the American Nurses Association (ANA) psychiatric-mental health board exam in 2017. He is the founder of Good Samaritan Books, a ministry dedicated to keeping hope and healing rooted in Jesus Christ. Chris recently co-authored *Harvesting Organs & Cherishing Life: What Christians Need to Know About Organ Donation and Procurement*.



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Key Take-Away:

Action Ideas/Plan:

Living Well, Dying Well



Nancy Valko, RN ALNC

Spokesperson, National Association of Pro-Life Nurses

Nancy Valko has been a registered nurse since 1969 and is the spokesperson for the National Association of Pro-life Nurses and a board member of the Healthcare Leadership and Advocacy Organization whose mission is “to be a voice for the medically vulnerable. After working in critical care, hospice, home health, oncology, dialysis and other specialties for 45 years, she obtained certification as an advanced legal nurse consultant. She has written hundreds of articles and blogs, and gives speeches and workshops around the country on medical ethics issues.

She also served on the board of the Saint Louis Down Syndrome Association and is still active in the field of disability advocacy. In 2009, Nancy lost her beautiful 30 year old daughter Marie to suicide, so now she also writes, speaks and testifies against proposed assisted suicide/euthanasia laws both in the US and other countries.

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Key Take-Away:

Action Ideas/Plan:

How "Her Plan" Prepares Churches to Help Expectant Moms



Jill Stanek

Community Outreach Manager, Her PLAN

In her role as Community Outreach Manager for Her PLAN, Jill works to support and increase Life-Affirming work among churches and community groups to help pregnant and parenting mothers in need and their children. Co-author of the *Pathways to Life* guide for churches, Jill facilitates growth of churches in this area by offering practical ideas and models on collaborating with Life-Affirming assistance providers or perhaps launching their own services. Our guide also suggests studies and reading material to educate church members on various elements pertaining to pro-life apologetics and ministering to these families.

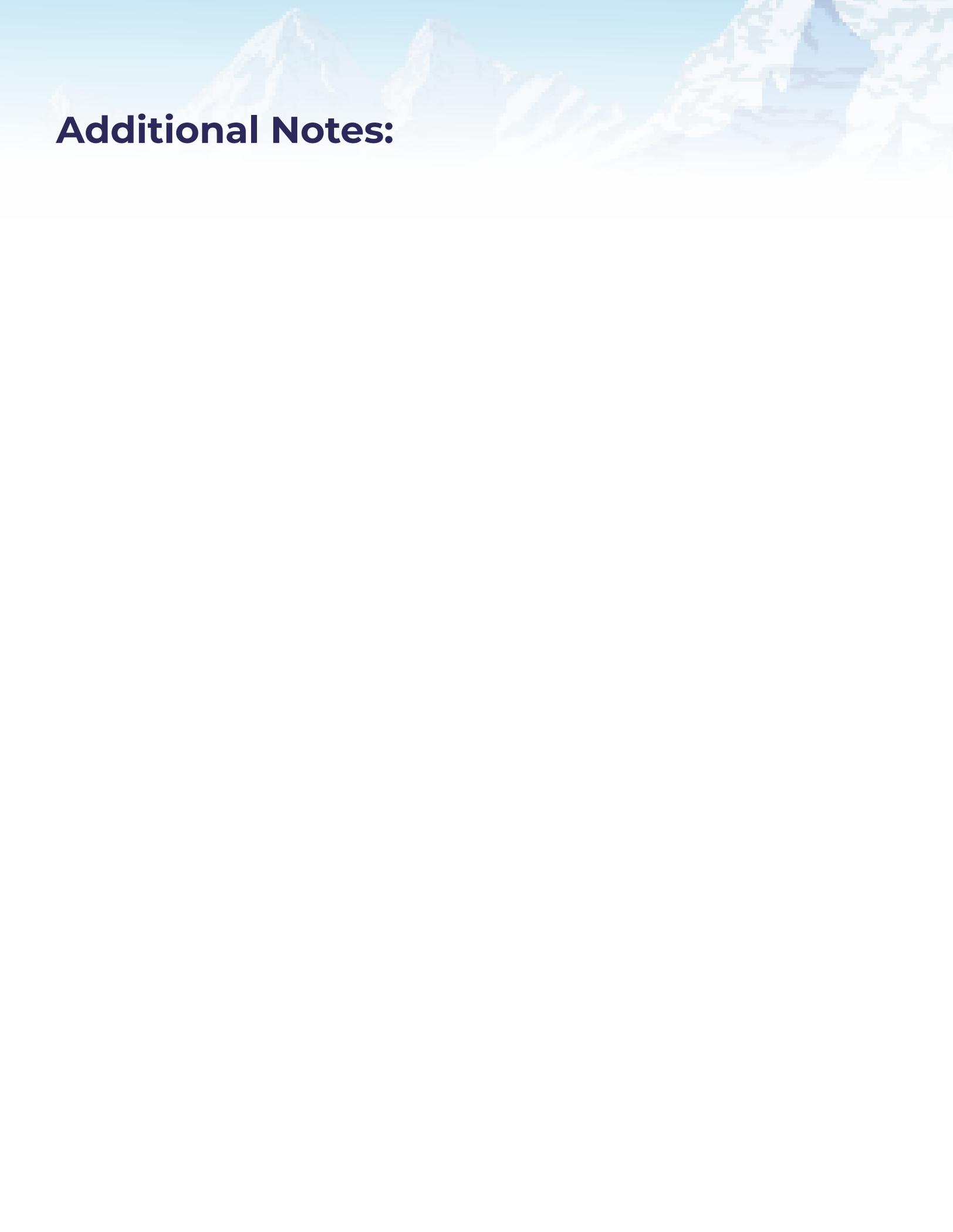


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Additional Notes:

Ministry Updates

Anglicans For Life is proud to continue providing cutting-edge resources, programs, and curricula centered around Life-Affirming ministry. Every year, we release new resources and programs. We are excited to announce some of our latest endeavors below.



Anglican Adoption Fund

The Anglican Adoption Fund (AAF) is not new; in fact, it was created in 2015 and was known as the Anglican Chaplains Adoption Fund. It was developed under and implemented by the Jurisdiction of the Armed Forces and Chaplaincy (ACNA), and the fund's committee was made up of Anglican Chaplains who were adoptive parents themselves. Today, AFL facilitates the fundraising and disbursement of funds to Anglican families wishing to adopt. Learn more at AnglicansForLife.org/AnglicanAdoptionFund.



Important Life Resource Guide

Now that *Roe* is overturned, it's more important than ever that the Church equips expectant mothers facing an unplanned or crisis pregnancy with resources. This handout provides a variety of reputable contacts for pregnant women. Scan the QR code or visit AnglicansForLife.org/PostRoeGuide to view it now.



Text-to-Give

Anglicans For Life is overwhelmed by the generosity of our donors and supporters. All donations we receive directly benefit Life-Affirming ministry and are tax-deductible. If you'd like to give, you can send donations to our office via mail. Our mailing address is **80 Leetsdale Industrial Dr, Suite 301, Leetsdale, PA 15056**. We also accept online donations at AnglicansForLife.org/donate and we recently began text giving. If you'd like to donate via text message, text the word "LIFE" to **412-274-LIFE**.



2023 Christmas Card Design Contest

Calling all Anglican students: Submit your original artwork for a chance to have your artwork featured on the front of the 2023 AFL Christmas Card. Winner receives a \$100 giftcard, a pack of ten (10) cards, and recognition in our newsletter and on social media. Visit AnglicansForLife.org/ChristmasCardContest to learn more or submit your artwork!



Don't Forget to Share Your Feedback!

Please complete the yellow feedback form in your folder or scan the QR code to fill-out a brief survey on your thoughts of the event. Your feedback is important to us, and we use it to make next year's SUMMIT even better. You can also view the form at <https://forms.gle/8NgTZNF1T1NbC2EH9>.



Get Involved

Why Partner with AFL?

Partnering with AFL gives you access to our resources, ministry network, and experience serving God's Kingdom for life. Together, we can defend the defenseless, and educate those in the church and community. Plus, all Life-Affirming Churches, Life Leaders, and AFL Chapters receive a 15% discount off items sold on our online store, **ShopAFL.org**. AFL offers a variety of pathways for lay and ordained members of churches to get involved in bearing witness to life in their congregations and communities. To learn more visit **Opportunities.AnglicansForLife.org** or you can order free brochures about the individual opportunities at **ShopAFL.org/collections/church-resources**.



Join the AFL Prayer Team

Do you have a passion for prayer? Join our intercessors group and receive a quarterly prayer calendar with a designated prayer for everyday. If you are interested in joining, please contact Lori at **Admin@AnglicansForLife.org** for more information.



Become a Life Leader

Life Leaders serve as the point-person in their parishes to organize, plan, and lead life-related activities and ministry. Life Leaders also serve as the link between AFL and their churches. If you are interested in starting an Life Leader at your church contact **info@AnglicansForlife.org** and download or order our Chapter Brochure at **AnglicansForLife.org/LifeLeaderBrochure**.



Register as a Life-Affirming Church

Anglicans For Life wants to build partnerships with churches that recognize and uphold the Sanctity of Life in both the Word they preach and in the Life-Affirming ministry, education, and the biblical advocacy they offer to parishioners and members of the community. If you are interested in becoming a Life-Affirming Church fill out the application at **AnglicansForLife.org/LACApplication** and send it to **info@AnglicansForLife.org**.



Start an AFL Chapter

An AFL Chapter is formed when a church has several people who are actively committed to addressing topics which threaten life. Chapter members educate, advocate, and provide practical ministry needs to women facing unplanned pregnancies, individuals at the end of life, and other vulnerable groups. If you are interested in starting an AFL Chapter at your church contact **info@AnglicansForlife.org** and download or order our Chapter Brochure at **AnglicansForLife.org/ChapterBrochure**.



Insider Tip!

The best way to stay updated on our latest resources, opportunities, and news is to sign up for our snail mail or digital communications. Visit **<http://eepurl.com/g1hudb>** or scan the QR code to get started!



Upcoming Events

40 for Life

THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF AFL

This year, Anglicans For Life is celebrating our 40th anniversary. In celebration, we are dedicating 2023 to showing the world what the church can do for life through a variety of activities, events, and resources specifically designed to engage both lay and also ordained individuals and their churches. Below, you will find an outline of the scheduled 40 for Life activities.



February-March:

Zoom for Life: Caring Not Killing (Two-part mini conference)

April-May:

The World's Largest Baby Shower

June-July:

Christmas in July and Educational Programs

August-September:

Orphans and Vulnerable Children/Adoption

October-December:

Reflecting on AFL's impact, challenges, and triumphs through the years.

Zoom for Life: Caring Not Killing

Two Part Mini Conference



Every month, AFL hosts Zoom for Life, a virtual meeting for Life Leaders, Chapter Leaders, and Life-Affirming Churches. During the months of February and March, these meetings will be replaced with a two part mini-conference focused on the end of life, with a special focus on the topics of euthanasia and assisted suicide.

February 13, 2022

AUTONOMY NOT ABANDONMENT

During the first segment of the conference, Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition (EPC) will inform participants about the differences between euthanasia and assisted suicide, and how they pertain to everyone.

March 13, 2022

WHAT IS COMPASSION AT THE END OF LIFE?

The second portion of the conference will focus on activism with a boots-on-the-ground feel. Individuals can expect to understand how current legislation is creating an environment for homicide and suicide that currently is active in parts of the world, and is making its way into the United States.



Zoom for Life Link: AnglicansForLife.org/ZoomForLife

Schedule

Time	Speaker	Description
8:30-8:45 am	Georgette	Welcome and Intro
8:45-9:40 am	Carrie Severino	How Did <i>Roe</i> Get Overturned?
9:40-10:25 am	Dr. David Prentice	The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly of Science and Bioethics
10:25-10:45 am	Comfort break	Visit exhibits
10:45-11:15 am	Dr. Bruchalski	What is Prenatal Hospice Care?
11:15-11:35 am	Sharon Annichino	Beauty for Ashes
11:35-11:55 am	Panel of Dr. B and Sharon	
11:55 am-12 pm	Johnston Moore	Did you know: Orphans and Vulnerable Children
12-12:50 pm	Lunch	
12:50-1:40 pm	Steve Wagner	Transforming Conversation with Common Ground
1:40-1:45 pm	Sammie Gallo	Did you know: Abundant Life
1:45-2:20 pm	Christopher Bogosh	Life from the Womb to the Tomb
2:20-2:55 pm	Nancy Valko	Living Well and Dying Well
2:55-3:10 pm	Comfort break	
3:10-3:30 pm	Panel of Chris and Nancy	
3:30-3:50 pm	Jill Stanek	How <i>Her Plan</i> Prepares Churches for Expectant Moms
3:50-4 pm	Georgette	Thank you

Prayer for Life

Lord God,

Thank You for creating human life in Your image. Thank You for my life and the lives of those I love. Thank You for teaching us through Scripture the value You place on life. Help me to uphold the Sanctity of Life in my church and community. Give me the strength to stand up to those forces that seek to destroy the lives of those most vulnerable - the unborn, the infirm, and the elderly. Today, I commit myself never to be silent, never to be passive, and never to be forgetful of respecting life. I commit myself to protecting and defending the sacredness of life according to Your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.