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What's So Bad About Abortion?

Bishop John Guernsey asks us to stand, work, and pray for Life in response to the Gosnell trial

Dear Friends,

The murder trial of the Philadelphia abortionist, Dr. Kermit Gosnell, has been of great interest and deep concern to me. I wish I could say it had captured the attention of the nation, but, as you may know, it was largely ignored by the media. (The executive editor of the Washington Post said he hadn't been aware of the story.) The trial was sickening, not because of the filth in the clinic, not because of the body parts of fetuses in jars, not because of the reprehensibly irresponsible medical care which caused the death of 41-year-old Karnamaya Mongar of Woodbridge, Virginia. The trial wasn't sickening because it showed something exceptional, but because it showed what abortion is and does.

For many years, the pro-life movement has emphasized the link between abortion and infanticide. The ethic that defends the killing of babies in the womb so easily leads to justifying the killing of them a few minutes later and a few inches away, just outside the womb. But in recent months the support of infanticide in the pro-abortion movement has grown and become increasingly clear. A Planned Parenthood lobbyist testified in March against a Florida bill that would require abortionists to provide emergency medical care to a baby who survives an abortion. She was asked, "If a baby is born on a table as a result of a botched abortion, what would Planned Parenthood want to have happen to that child that's struggling for



life?" She answered: "We believe that any decision that's made should be left up to the woman, her family, and the physician." You can read about this and see the video at LiveAction.org.

This is not merely a theoretical discussion. Infanticide is practiced in America far more than most of us realize. Live Action, the pro-life organization founded by Lila Rose when she was just 15 years old, has recorded a series of undercover videos at late term abortion clinics. These stunning videos demonstrate that Dr. Gosnell is not an exception. The murder of infants after being born alive during an abortion is all too common.

You can see the Live Action videos at LiveAction.org Note that one of the videos is from the Washington Surgi-Clinic of Dr. Cesare Santangelo in Northwest Washington D.C., recorded just three weeks ago. Acknowledging that live births have occurred during his abortions, Dr. Santangelo explains to a

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woman 24 or 25 weeks pregnant that if she delivered a live baby during the abortion, they would not provide any care to the baby. “...Then, you know, we would do things—we would not help it. We wouldn’t, uh, intubate.” He made clear that if the woman went into labor she should definitely not go to a hospital in Virginia because “they would do everything possible to help that fetus survive,” while “we wouldn’t here.”

While ethicist Peter Singer of Princeton has long advocated infanticide, arguing that physicians should kill disabled newborns on the spot, the chorus of such voices is growing. Writing in the *Journal of Medical Ethics* in February 2012, two bioethicists, Alberto Giubilini and Francesca Minerva, published a paper entitled, “After-birth abortion: why should the baby live?” They wrote these chilling words: “[W]hen circumstances occur after birth such that they would have justified abortion, what we call after-birth abortion should be permissible...[W]e propose to call this practice ‘after-birth abortion’, rather than ‘infanticide,’ to emphasize that the moral status of the individual killed is comparable with that of a fetus...rather than to that of a child. Therefore, we claim that killing a newborn could be ethically permissible in all the circumstances where abortion would be. Such circumstances include cases where the newborn has the potential to have an (at least) acceptable life, but the well-being of the family is at risk.” [Emphasis added.]

Scripture condemns this as idolatrous human sacrifice. See, for example, Leviticus 20:1-5, 2 Chronicles 28:1-5, Jeremiah 19:1-6 and Ezekiel 16:20-21, 20:30-31, 23:39.

Since the first century, Christians have understood the link between abortion and infanticide and have resolutely stood against both.

The Didache, a Christian teaching from perhaps as early as the first century, says: “*You shall not murder a child by abortion nor kill them when born*” (2:2).

The Epistle of Barnabas, written in the late first or early second century, includes: “*You shall not kill a child by abortion, neither shall you destroy it after it is born*” (19:5).

So what do we do?

Here are a few suggestions:

1. Pray for an abortionist! There are many who once practiced abortion but who have turned to Christ and now work for the unborn. Pray for Dr. Gosnell’s conversion in prison! Pray for Dr. Santagnelo or one of the others featured in the Live Action videos. Pray for the repentance and change of heart of those involved in abortion in your community.
2. Become a supporter of Anglicans for Life. Encourage your church to sign up as a Life-Affirming congregation on anglicansforlife.org.
3. Discover God’s gracious forgiveness and healing for the women and men who’ve been affected by abortion, through resources like the Silent No More Awareness Campaign and Rachel’s Vineyard retreats.
4. Visit LifeNews.com and stay informed about these issues, which are so often ignored by other media outlets.
5. Volunteer at a Christian crisis pregnancy center in your area.
6. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, January 22, 2014 and join with me in the annual March for Life on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

Don’t let the horror of Dr. Gosnell’s actions cause you to pull back or close your eyes. Stand for life. Work for life. Pray for life.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

The Rt. Rev. John A. M. Guernsey
Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic

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I Was Born With Down Syndrome

by Jenny Jenson

I was born with Down syndrome over 30 years ago. This makes some things very difficult for me. When I was younger, I spent a lot of time asking God, Why did you make me with Down Syndrome? Why can't I be normal like other people?

I told Him all the time that I didn't like having Down syndrome. I kept thinking that if only I didn't have Down syndrome I would be happy. I thought that somehow God made a mistake when He made me. My Mom and Dad always told me they loved me so deeply, and that they could not love me any more, but somehow down deep in my heart I always wondered if they would love me more if I didn't have Down syndrome.

When I was in high school, the kids on the school bus were very mean to me. They laughed at me, and mocked me and they called me all kinds of bad names, and told me that even my parents couldn't love me. That hurt me so deeply!

When I got off the school bus in the afternoon, I would be crying. My Mom met me at the door, and we would talk and pray every day. She told me that people used to say bad things about Jesus and call Him names too, so He understood exactly how I felt.

She told me that real truth is only found in God's Word, and not in what other people say about you. She told me that if I could find anywhere in the Bible where God calls me bad names, or said I was a mistake; she would pay me \$5,000. I spent a lot of time reading in the Bible to find out what God said about me. All the Scriptures I found said just the opposite, so I never did get the \$5,000!

One of my favorite Scriptures is Psalm 139:14 where God says, "I am fearfully and wonderfully made." I like to memorize Scripture and fill my



Jenny "The Jewel" Jenson

mind with the truth of who God says I am. This understanding has made all the difference in my life. Now I recognize that God has a plan for my life, and He created me just the way I am for His special purpose. I may still have Down syndrome, but now instead of saying "if only" I didn't have Down syndrome, I say, "So what, I will glorify God just the way He made me." I know He loves me and cares for me with His whole heart.

The Lord showed me that I am not a mistake, but I am a precious gift...His treasured possession. We have a choice to believe and fill our minds with God's truth, which will change our hearts, or listen to what other people say and be sad. It is a choice we must each make.

If I spend my time wishing I was different, I will never get around to doing those things God wants me to do. Sometimes Satan tries to put thoughts into my head and tell me that I am not good and stuff like that. That's when I remember John 10:10 that says, "The thief comes only to steal, and kill and destroy. I have come that they may have life and have it to the fullest."

If your heart is sad because you wish God had made you differently, read His Word—the truth of what He says about you, believe it, and let Him change your heart. Nothing is impossible with God. He certainly did change my heart.

*See Jenny's interview online:
cbn.com/tv/2377437217001*

Jenny's MUST DO List for Parents of Special Needs Children

1. The most important thing you can do for your child is to introduce them to Jesus. You must teach your child how much Jesus loves them and the truth of what He says about them.
2. Get involved with your child. Be interactive with them...Play with them, talk to them, read to them, and let them hear your voice.
3. Become engaged with your child...Find out what they like to do and do it with them. Give them a chance to be the person they are in Christ.
4. Believe in your child and challenge them. Never let having a disability be an excuse not to try something.
5. Accept and love your child just the way God made them. Don't look at them as a person with a disability, but as a gift from God who just happens to have a disability. They are people first!
6. Remember that your love makes all the difference in your child's life.
7. Always be with them and let them feel your security and love.
8. Be careful what you say with your actions. Your child looks up to you and they watch what you do. Your child looks at themselves through your eyes.
9. Treat your child with respect. Treat them the way you want to be treated.
10. Embrace your child with love and accept them as human beings with a value and a purpose. Remember they are created in the image of God.

It's Official: Plan B Morning After Pill Available Without Rx

Dateline: April 30, 2013. It's official. The morning after pill, known as Plan B, should be available nationwide without a prescription for teenagers starting at age 15.

The FDA said, "Plan B One-Step will not stop a pregnancy when a woman is already pregnant, and there is no medical evidence that the product will harm a developing fetus."

But comments from the maker of the drug and medical information show that the morning after pill can act as an abortion agent in some cases, terminating the life of a human being hours after conception.

Previously, Plan B was only available over the counter to women over 17. The FDA sought to make the drug available more widely, but Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius overruled the decision. Eventually, Judge Edward Korman, a federal judge based in New York City, ruled against the Obama administration, prompting the FDA to move ahead.

IN BRIEF

Some have argued that increasing the availability of more reliable forms of contraception will reduce the incidence of abortion. A 2012 Centers for Disease Control study shows increases in contraception use since 1995, concurrent with increased use of more reliable contraception, such as the birth-control pill and the IUD. However, despite this increase in contraceptive use, the report indicates that the unintended-pregnancy rate actually increased slightly between 1995 and 2008.

Toddler Gets Windpipe Grown from Her Own Stem Cells

Hannah Warren, born in South Korea without a trachea, now has a new one grown from her own stem cells. The 2-year-old is the youngest patient in the world to benefit from the experimental treatment which gives hope to the 1 child in 50,000 world-wide who are born without a windpipe. Although a tube was inserted from her esophagus to her lungs to help her breathing, doctors told her parents that she would likely die.

The Warrens were unable to afford the surgery; Saint Francis Medical Center in Illinois stepped in to provide treatment at no cost.

China's One-Child Policy = 336 Million Abortions

In March, the Chinese health ministry released data showing 336 million abortions have been carried out since 1980 when the population control policy was instituted. Punishment includes house arrest or labor camps, revoked jobs or governmental support, use of physical harassment or violence on women and other family members—including forced abortions at the rate of more than 13 million abortions a year, or 1,500 an hour—resulting in a skewed birth ratio of 120 boys born for every 100 girls.

Human rights advocate U.S. Congressman Chris Smith has repeatedly criticized China's policy as "cruel and inhumane; a human rights violation that is in scope and seriousness, the worst human rights abuse in the world today. No other government policy anywhere else in the world systematically punishes, abuses, and violates women so grossly as this," said Smith.

"Three-Parent" Embryos in Great Britain

The "taking, making and faking of human life" has reached an unprecedented level as Great Britain's Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (HFEA), which oversees fertility treatments and embryo research, has approved procedures that result in the use of genetic material from two mothers and one father to create "embryos free from mitochondrial defects which can give rise to serious diseases and defects after birth."

Jennifer Lahl and Gene Tarne of the Charlotte Lozier Institute, the education and research arm of the Susan B. Anthony List, reported that researchers use a cloning technique called pro-nuclear transfer (PNT) in which the father's sperm is used to fertilize the mother's egg which contains the defective mitochondria, creating one embryo. A second egg from a donor, containing healthy mitochondria, is also fertilized, producing a second embryo. The nuclei from both embryos are removed, thus destroying them both. The nucleus from the embryo with the defective mtDNA is placed in the de-nucleated embryo "shell" with the healthy mtDNA. The result is a third embryo, which is then implanted in the mother, thus has genetic materials from two mothers and one father, thus the phrase "three-parent embryo".

Life Legislation

Maryland Joins Global Trend Against Death Penalty

The US state of Maryland joined the overwhelming global trend towards ending the death penalty when Governor Martin O'Malley signed the abolition of capital punishment into law.

The abolition bill, passed by the state legislature in March 2013, makes Maryland the 18th U.S. state to relinquish use of the death penalty since the U.S. Supreme Court approved new capital laws in 1976. The number of abolitionist countries rose to 140 in 2012. In the Americas, the USA remains the only country to carry out executions – the total number, 43, was the same as in 2011, but only nine states executed in 2012, compared to 13 in 2011.

According to Amnesty International, at least 1,722 people were sentenced to death in 58 countries in 2012—a decrease from 1,923 people in 63 countries worldwide in 2011. This is a reduction for the second year since 2010 when 2,024 people received death sentences in 67 countries.

Vermont Becomes Third State to Legalize Assisted Suicide

With Governor Peter Shumlin's signature on a bill which the state legislature approved, Vermont becomes the third state after Oregon and Washington to legalize assisted suicide for patients diagnosed with a "terminal condition." The bill allows that people, examined by a physician—one time, without a psychological evaluation—can be given life-ending medication without a witness present.

The Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems expects that most Vermont hospitals will opt out of implementing the bill.

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Life-Affirming Anglican Bishop

The Rt. Rev. David J. Bena

"The sanctity of life is so important to the Anglican Church that when the ACNA was formed in 2009 we placed our 'declaration for life' into our founding Constitution and Canons."

David Bena, Ret. Suffragan Bishop of Albany, joined the Convocation of Anglicans in North America (CANA) in 2007, now serves as bishop and currently as the rector of St. Margaret's Anglican Church, in Virginia. Bp. Bena marched with Anglicans for Life and 14 other Anglican Bishops at the March for Life in January.

The Canons of the Anglican Church in North America



TITLE II

Worship and the Administration of Sacraments

Canon 8

Of Standards of Sexual Morality and Ethics

Section 3

God, and not man, is the creator of human life.

The unjustified taking of life is sinful.

Therefore, from conception to natural death all members and Clergy are called to protect and respect the sanctity of every human life.



In our article, "What's So Bad About Abortion," p. 1, Bp Guernsey explained how abortion has led to infanticide.

In our brochure by the same name and reprinted on this page, Georgette outlines 10 additional ways that abortion harms women, men, and our society.

Please share this info with friends and family.

Visit our friends at Heritage House to order this brochure:

<http://www.hh76.com/default.aspx?GroupID=213>

If you or someone you know is suffering with abortion regret, please visit our website:

silentnomoreawareness.org

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What's

Advocates of abortion sell it as a benefit to women. to women's lives, health, and role in society.

It is widely admitted that abortion ends the life of

1. Women die from abortion

Women still die from the abortion procedure, as well as from complications that occur afterwards.¹

Studies also show that those of us with abortion histories have an increased risk of dying from a variety of causes after abortion.²

2. Abortion creates physical problems

In the US, over 140,000 women a year have *immediate* medical complications from abortion such as hemorrhaging, infection, uterine perforation or continued pregnancy.³

Long-term health problems include an increased risk of breast, cervical and ovarian cancer. Abortion can also lead to infertility due to hysterectomies, pelvic inflammatory disease and miscarriage.⁴

Abortion can cause the following complications during future pregnancies: premature birth, placenta previa, and ectopic pregnancy.⁵

3. Abortion creates psychological problems

After an abortion many women find themselves dealing with increased use of drugs and/or alcohol, reoccurring insomnia and nightmares, eating disorders, suicidal feelings, and attempted suicide.

Women experience difficulty in maintaining or developing relationships, loneliness, isolation, anger, fear of the unknown, indecision and a sense of self-hatred.

Numerous studies reveal the psychological harm of abortion and show that aborting a child is more damaging to us than is carrying the baby to term.

4. Abortion is a form of racism

Planned Parenthood focuses its core client as young, low-income women of color. Abortion clinics are located in urban areas. Black and Hispanic women represent only a quarter of American women of child-bearing age, yet account for more than half of all abortions in the US.⁶

5. Women are pressured and coerced

64% of American women report feeling pressured by others to abort the baby.⁸ Family, friends, employers, schools, and sexual predators often demand the woman have an abortion. In some cases, parents threaten to kick the girl out of the home. Boyfriends and husbands threaten abandonment. Women are told by friends that having a baby will ruin their lives and having an abortion will solve their problem.

So Bad About Abortion?

But more and more evidence leads to the conclusion that no such “benefit” has ever caused more damage

a child. But what does it do to the mother?

6. Abortion increases violence against pregnant women

Coercion can lead to physical violence. Women who refuse to abort have been subjected to beatings, gunshots, stabbings and strangulation. Research shows the target of violence during pregnancy shifts from a woman's face and breasts to her pregnant belly. In one study of violent deaths among pregnant women, three out of every four were killed during their first 20 weeks of pregnancy.⁷ Women are literally being beaten and killed for refusing to abort. The leading cause of death during pregnancy is homicide.⁹

7. Abortion allows society to abandon women

Our culture has come to depend upon abortion so that individuals, social organizations, governments, and churches don't have to get involved. It often frees many men from taking responsibility for their sexual promiscuity. Though abortion is advertised as “freedom of choice,” women end up aborting because we feel we have no freedom and no choice.

8. Abortion harms future relationships

Women struggle with issues of trust after an abortion. They ask, “How can we trust those who said they loved us and then allowed us to go through the pain of abortion?”

It affects how women relate to future children. They have difficulty bonding with them and often become over-protective.

Abortion is a secret women often keep from their spouses, children, or parents, because they fear being judged. Yet they know if they want to seek healing, they must tell them.

9. Abortion affects women spiritually

Many women turn away from God or fear a ‘greater power’ because deep down inside they know they have taken the life of another human-being, their baby.

10. Abortion compromises who we are as women

Abortion perpetuates the myth that women cannot handle motherhood and also fulfill our role in society.

Women are designed to give life and nurture it.

When mothers abort their children, they interfere with the natural process of pro-creation and it leaves an imprint on their hearts that never goes away, but is often denied.

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Life Leaders Update

Changes in Leadership

AFL is grateful to all the leaders who have served with us over the years! Join us in welcoming the following new Life Leaders and blessing those who have been called to move on.

Patrick Gardella replaces **Paul Erickson** as Chapter Leader at **St. Andrew's Anglican Church**, Versailles, Kentucky. Patrick had been a member of the AFL Chapter for about a year, before assuming the role of Chapter Leader. He works as Chief Technology Officer at Asbury Seminary.

Hannah Duffy takes on Life Liaison role for **St. Mary's Anglican Church**, Fresno, California. St. Mary's rector, Fr. Sclafani encouraged Hannah after meeting Georgette at the San Joaquin Diocesan convention in November 2012, where she encouraged parishes to bring on AFL Life Leaders. Hannah tells AFL, "I enjoy being a Life Leader in my church and I hope that in the coming year, we will spark more interest in the pro-life stance, in a Christ-like way. If that means I have to do more than what I'm doing currently to draw in friends of my parish, I'll do just that." Hannah is a home-school student and we are so grateful for her service!

Juli Betz takes on the Chapter Leader role from **Betsy Settle** at **Christ our King**, New Braunfels, Texas. She writes, "I took over for Betsy because of my concern for her, but also because I am deeply committed to the cause. I grew up in the 60's, and the scourge of back alley abortions was a reason to initially support the awful law that became Roe v. Wade...growing older, and becoming a part of the body of Christ, I saw the error of my ways, and the recent Gosnell trial, and the story (about a similar horror in Texas) showed me that Roe v. Wade solved nothing, it just made everyone turn their faces away from the awful truth of what abortion is; the taking of life, which is sacred. I vow to take this responsibility very seriously, and appreciate any help you can give me in achieving maximum coverage of this vital issue."

Christine Maddox, former Life Liaison for All Saints Anglican becomes the AFL Chapter Leader for a new church plant, **St. Michael and All Angels Anglican Church** in Arden, N.C. Christine was the first to order our new end-of-life adult curriculum, "Embrace the Journey," due out this July!

St. Peter's Church Tallahassee, Florida



Church of the Holy Spirit Tulsa, Oklahoma



Church of the Holy Spirit Life Leaders, Charlene Carter and Virginia Self report that they are becoming more and more a pro-life church. Their Anglican Church Women's group held a baby shower for a local crisis pregnancy center—with lots of gifts not included in this photo!

St. Peter's Chapter Leader, Kelly Baudoind'ajoux and the AFL Life Chapter in Tallahassee have joined hands with a new local ministry called Save One More Now, Inc. This ministry has opened a Christian transitional housing facility to bring the love of Christ to women who are pregnant and in need of a home. The program allows for these women to live and grow in God's love in this home for up to two years after the birth of their child. Our Life Chapter has adopted a room in this house known as "Hannah's Room" and has been sponsoring a new mother and child since November of 2012.

All Saints Anglican Church, Attleboro, Massachusetts



Carol Leonard, Katie G., Tom O. and Annie H.

Small in number but mighty in passion, perseverance & love for LIFE, the AFL Chapter from All Saints led by Carol Leonard participated in a walk for life on May 4th. The \$965 they raised in pledges went to Abundant Hope pregnancy resource center in Attleboro. While pleased with these results, Carol also remarked: "Imagine (what we could do) if we had more people!"



The Rev. Brad Jones (Rector of Christ Church and former AFL Board member), welcomes Doris and Dave Carlson, our new Life Liaison.

Christ Church Schenectady, New York

"I had been reading the March AFL newsletter and was so blessed to read about so many Anglican bishops attending the March for Life in January. I had the privilege of attending the March this year also. I just finished being involved with my first 40 Days for Life campaign in Schenectady. It was such a blessing. I know the Lord is calling me to be more involved in the pro-life movement. God bless you for the work you are doing for His little ones." Dave Carlson

Epiphany Anglican Church Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Our newest ministry partner, Rev. Vicky Hedelius joined the Ottawa March for Life in May. It was the first year that ANiC was officially represented at the March. Father Paul Donison is also excited about this ministry and they are hoping to expand the ANiC presence next year.



The Rev. Vicky Hedelius (left) and Father Paul Donison. 9

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Holy Trinity Parish San Diego, California

“The life ministry is part of who we are at Holy Trinity, but people are very quiet in showing it. AFL maintains a constant presence on our bulletin board, and as you saw we had a special offering for AFL on Mother’s Day.”

Melissa is working to increase involvement and AFL presence within her parish: “I know the interest is there. We are a gentle, loving, older, quiet parish with a lot of heart. If I can organize a doable activity or package I think we’ll get a good response.”



Fr. Lawrence Bausch, Rector of Holy Trinity and Melissa Cochran

AFL Life Chapter at Truro Church Fairfax, Virginia



Truro Prayer Chain Leader, Chris Oster receives a Mother’s Day carnation from Katie Vaughan, Truro Chapter Leader

Every year a local Ob/Gyn has a memorial service for women and families that have lost a babies due to miscarriage, still birth, abortion or other causes. During this great time of healing and reflection, they are given the chance to hang angel wings on a tree in memory of their babies and give testimony. This year, on May 11, more than 30 people joined the service and reception held at Truro with Anglicans for Life Chapter at Truro hosting the reception.

On Mother’s Day, May 12, our AFL Chapter honored families and life by giving carnations to the ladies of the parish.

In Memory and In Honor

Anglicans for Life is honored to receive the following gifts from our gracious ministry partners.

Gordon and Gail Miller in memory of Gail’s brother, David Brown, Jr.

Bp. and Mrs. John Guernsey and the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic in memory of Georgette’s Mom, Myriam Nutting

Charlotte and Mike Ready in memory of Ruth Butler

AFL Staff Happenings

Welcome Robin!



Robin Sencenbach joins our AFL staff as the Administrative Assistant

Robin Sencenbach joined the AFL team this May as the new administrative assistant. Robin is a native of Pittsburgh. She has a varied background in library and information science, literature, and history. In addition to her position with AFL, she also works as a QA analyst with Lender Processing Services, a vender management company that specializes in quality control for appraisal documents.

Outside of work, she enjoys singing in her church choir, cheering for the Pittsburgh Steelers, reading a good book, and going on hiking/rafting adventures. She also keeps very busy chasing around her eight (and counting) nieces and nephews.

Robin is excited to be joining the ministry at Anglicans for Life. She believes in the right for life and prays for the strength and compassion needed to reach out to women and men whose lives have been devastated by abortion. Please continue to pray for the ladies in the AFL offices during this time of transition.

con't. from the back page:

Be creative...for Life!

Marlena, stay-at-home mom of four continues, "I had recently had a conversation with our pregnancy resource center (PRC) director about reaching those who have already made the decision to have an abortion. These people need to know God loves them and learn there is forgiveness in Christ. They can be made new through Him! Then a week later I came across your website...I'm so thrilled and blessed to be running in support of such an amazing organization!"

After the race, Marlena's enthusiasm continued:

"The race went great. I was so thankful that after having knee issues two weeks prior and the flu two DAYS prior I was able to cross the finish line...Also, I had four runners catch up beside me and ask about Silent no More. It was

wonderful to have the opportunity to witness DURING a race! Thank you so much for the opportunity to represent your campaign, it was an absolute honor!!"



Marlena Tharnish (left) after she ran a marathon and raised \$1,092 for AFL and the Silent No More Awareness Campaign.



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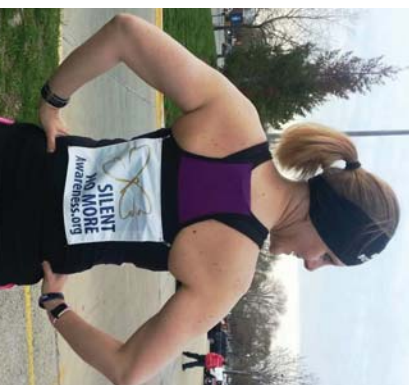
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Do you have a heart for life issues, and wonder how you can make a difference? Would you love to be able to make a substantial financial contribution to AFL, but find yourself with a limited amount of discretionary income?

Meet a young, stay-at-home mom of four who got creative, followed her passion and raised over \$1,000 for AFL by doing something she loves (running a long distance race) for a cause she loves (LIFE!):

Marlena Tharnish participated in the Christie Clinic Illinois Marathon in April. When she contacted AFL's President/Silent No More Awareness Campaign co-founder Georgette Forney in February, she explained her interest in fundraising:

"I consider myself having always been pro-life; it has become a passion of mine. I've been volunteering at my local pregnancy resource center (PRC) but wanted to do more. I always make time to run—my other passion—so I decided to combine the two, and came across SNMA..." *(Read the rest of Marlena's story on page 11.)*



Marlena Tharnish ran for LIFE!

Marlena's passion indeed sparked the same in others, as her efforts raised \$1,092 in support of SNMA! (See page 6) We are so grateful to Marlena for stepping out with her creative idea for raising donations. We encourage you to listen to how God may be directing you to bring funds to Anglicans for Life. Be bold! Be courageous! And make a difference for life today!

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