Hello there!

We've researched and found the most relevant and worthy articles to educate and equip you in affirming and protecting Life.

We encourage you to share these stories and updates by email or social media!

We have also included our most recent AFL blog posts. You can read all our blog posts on our [website](#).

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**End of Life**

[Alfie Evans Dies 5 Days After His Life Support Was Removed](#)

In sad but not unsurprising news, five days after Alder Hey Children’s Hospital removed his life support, following a massive legal battle between his parents Tom and Kate and the hospital, Alfie Evans died. Alfie had a rare neurological
condition and had been hospitalized since December 2016. After removing his life support without permission, the hospital waited 28 hours before finding feeding the 23-month-old child. But not only did this legal battle over Alfie’s care generate outrage in his native Great Britain but internationally. His and his parents’ supporters dubbed themselves “Alfie’s Army” and advocated for continuing his medical care. Unfortunately, all the support and legal efforts came to naught on April 28th. “Our baby boy grew his wings tonight at 2:30 am,” his mother said, “We are heart broken. Thank you everyone for all your support.” Read more.

**Joint Euthanasia of Canadian Elderly Couple**

While Alfie’s parents are fighting for his right to life, a Canadian couple is being applauded for their right to die. Mr. and Mrs. Brickenden of Canada decided to end their lives together. They received approval from their first doctor, a notable supporter of euthanasia, but were denied by their second doctor, as Mr. Brickenden did not have a diagnosed condition. After a year they found a new doctor to give them a different opinion—pro-death doctor shopping—and had two physicians kill them together, all with their children, children’s spouses, and an Anglican priest (belonging to the Anglican Church of Canada or ACoC) present. Instead of a tragedy that could have been prevented, we are told to look at their deaths as a celebration. Read more.
Abortion

I was a ‘Disney Princess’ who had an abortion: Now I’m pro-life

When Planned Parenthood posted a tweet asking for a Disney Princess who had an abortion, there was an understandable response of disgust. However, for one woman, this was all too personal. Deanna Falchook, who worked as Cinderella and Sleeping Beauty at a Disney theme park in the 1980s, had an abortion to keep her job. She suffered greatly as a result but came to healing in Christ. As a generation of young Disney fans decide whether to promote abortion or oppose it publically, Deanna’s story is one worth reading. Read more.

Everything You Need to Know: A History of Planned Parenthood

If you talk to someone who supports Planned Parenthood, they will likely stress the importance of their work and of the health services they offer disadvantaged women. But they aren’t likely to talk about Planned Parenthood’s history, when it not only supported race-based eugenics but also actively promoted why abortion was harmful to women (really). This two part article talks about the beginnings of the organization, Margaret Sanger’s original vision, and how it became the behemoth of abortion it is today. Read Part One and Part Two.

Study: Chemical Abortion Reversal Safe and Effective

Although we have covered this story before in our newsletters and blogs, this is an important enough update to bring it up again. In a new study, Dr. George Delgado, who studies chemical abortion reversals, examined the cases of 547 women who called a pro-life hotline after they took mifepristone, the first of two drugs needed to perform a chemical abortion. These 547 women took progesterone within 72 hours of taking the mifepristone and stayed in touch for follow up care. Of those women 257 women had healthy babies. The reversal rate for chemical abortions was 47 percent. A year previously Professor
Daniel Grossman of the University of California called the research “poor quality” and that there was no proof that the treatment was “better than doing nothing.” After this last research, he admitted that the treatment did make “some biological sense”. High praise indeed. We hope to hear of more women whose children are saved from chemical abortion! Read more.

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**BioEthics**

[Ethical Stem Cells Heal: 5 Astonishing Real-Life Examples](#)

Do you remember that breakthrough treatment that was created from embryonic stem cell research? No? Neither do I. In fact, in terms of stem cell research, the most compelling and successful research has come not from the embryonic stem cell research, which was so hotly contested in the early 2000s, but from ethically-obtained adult stem cells. Numerous treatments have been developed using adult stem cells, and doctors are able to isolate the patient’s own stem cells and reinfuse them into the body to treat disease or injury. Here are five great stories of how ethical medical research has saved lives. Read more.

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**AFL Blogs**

[God's People in the Midst of Crisis - The Church and Unplanned Pregnancies](#)

Not every woman in a crisis pregnancy has access to a pregnancy center. But she should have access to a church. Will she come? Does she know that God has loved a messy, tired, and rebellious people—like you and me—in Christ Jesus?

[Anglicans in Action - Honoring All Mothers on Mother's](#)
However, there are women who will spend that Mother’s Day silently hurting because their children are not in their lives; maybe they are healing from an abortion, grieving a child they gave up for adoption, or suffering the loss of a child from a miscarriage.

Take Action - Sidewalk Counseling

Each month we will offer a list of action ideas and resources so you can protect Life. This month, we are looking at sidewalk counseling.

A Decade of Pain – How Understanding Fetal Pain Has Changed the Fight for Life

After a decade since this research was debated and shared, what have we learned about fetal pain and what have been the responses, legislatively and societally?

Father of Fatherless, Protector of Widows - The Church’s Responsibility as God’s People

In short, the LORD from His sanctuary lifts His people from the poverty of love, purpose, and hope. God draws near, as the Father to the fatherless and Protector of the widow, through His people.

If you have questions, concerns, or thoughts, please feel free to contact us!

Sincerely,
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