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.

Abortion

Roe v. Wade, SCOTUS, and Judge Brett Kavanaugh

I’m sure you have little doubt on what the big pro-life news is this month. There has been an absolute media fervor over Judge Brett Kavanaugh and his nomination to the Supreme Court, and everyone in every media outlet is talking about...
Whether or not he will be blocked by the Senate or join SCOTUS is unknown. But what is clear is that Kennedy’s exit from the court and Kavanaugh’s potential succession is begging the question—will *Roe v. Wade* be overturned? First off, I want everyone to stop and take a deep breath. Yes. In and then out. Good. Right, now that we have all calmed down, here are some interesting articles that discuss what could happen if *Roe v. Wade* were overturned and what sort of Supreme Justice Kavanaugh could be, in his own words. Both of these articles have one thing in common—they suggest caution and reason. Yes, changes could come, big ones. But our faith is not in men or princes or judges—it must always be in God alone. I hope that thought will guide you as you read, discuss, and follow the upcoming confirmation process. Read more here and here.

“15 Ways to Mentally and Physically Prepare for Your Abortion”

*SELF* magazine recently published an article titled “15 Ways to Mentally and Physically Prepare for Your Abortion”, which encourages women to ignore pro-life witnesses or websites and to be prepared for clinic physicians to “lie” to them about physical problems caused by abortion, because their state requires doctors to do so. It also suggests jamming out to Beyoncé before and after their abortion, because nothing says “ending your unborn child’s life” like blasting “Single Ladies”, am I right? All sarcasm aside, the original article sadly does not prepare women for the very real emotional, physical, and spiritual fallout after
abortion, as AFL’s own Georgette Forney comments in this article. Read more.

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**BioEthics and Sexual Integrity**

**Much-Needed Pro-Life Law Protects Unborn Babies Created by In-Vitro Fertilization**

This month, Arizona passed a one-page bill titled SB 1393, a unique piece of legislation that recognizes the right to life for human embryos created by in vitro fertilization, whose parents are in the process of divorcing. This is important, most obviously, because there is very little legal protection or regulation on assisted reproductive technology. This law will protect human embryos, in limbo during a divorce procedure, from being destroyed. However, the law can also bring about interesting legal conversations—if a law is in place to protect human embryos from being destroyed, how will that impact how people think of the rights of unborn children in the womb? Read more.

**The Loneliness Trap**

Despite technology and social media making communication easier and faster than ever before, a sad reality is immerging. Young people are lonely. Using an industry standard loneliness scale, researchers with the health service company Cigna surveyed more than 20,000 American adults about their subjective feelings of loneliness and social isolation. Adults in Generation Z (ages 18 to 22) scored 48.3 overall, with millennials (ages 23 to 37) at 45.3, Generation Xers (ages 38 to 51) at 45.1, and baby boomers (ages 52 to 71) at 42.4. Adults age 72 and older ranked the least lonely with a score of 38.6. While this is distressing enough, what is worrying sociologists and psychologists is that there is a contributing factor in these groups of lonely people that is also increasing—pornography use. Can they be connected? Read more.
End of Life

Advocates against Assisted Suicide Show That Love Endures and Gives Life

James Joseph “J.J.” Hanson was a young husband, father, Marine, and Iraq war veteran whose world was upended when he was diagnosed with terminal brain cancer. His diagnosis came at a time when People magazine was celebrating Brittany Maynard’s decision to end her life and euthanasia proponents were pushing to legalize assisted suicide. Instead of succumbing to despair, however, J.J. lived three years beyond his doctor’s prediction, and he and his wife Kristen had a second son. He even spoke via video at AFL’s first Summit: Mobilizing the Church for Life in January 2016. Months after J.J.’s death, Kristen testified in Albany, NY, against assisted suicide, bringing with her a message we mustn’t forget: love gives people hope. Read more

Euthanasia Hurts Palliative Care in Quebec

When is choice not a choice? When there is only one option. Sadly, such is the case with palliative care in countries, such as Canada and the Netherlands, in which euthanasia is legal. Dr. Charles Bernard, the head of the provincial medical association in Quebec and a euthanasia supporter, stated that some patients were forced to choose to be killed because they couldn’t access quality palliative care. Worse, the College des Medicins has been receiving reports from doctors about the re-direction of needed resources from palliative care to medical aid in dying. Read more.

AFL Blogs

Anglicans in Action – International Promotion of Abortion & Euthanasia

After becoming educated on international life
issues, join me in praying specifically for other nations. Prayer is our best defense to darkness.

Inconsistent Anger – When the Sanctity of Life Only Means Some Lives
Let our righteous anger speak for those who cannot speak themselves, the unborn, the elderly, & the vulnerable, all of whom God has made in His likeness.

Those Who Lived to Tell the Tale – Abortion Survivors
Yet, despite our love for these kind of heroes, there are survivors whose stories are notably ignored or disregarded in our culture—survivors of abortion.

Action Ideas for Life – Social Justice
But is social justice really a pro-life issue? Being pro-life is about defending & protecting the sacredness of all life, not just the unborn.

The Business of Bribery: The Curse and the Abortion Industry
Some will object that we are not talking about bribery at all, for a bribe calls for that which is illegal or dishonest. That the discovery of practices both illegal and dishonest in abortion clinics has gone largely unaddressed reveals a simple fact: we have turned a crime into a business.

Anglicans in Action – Call Our Nation to Repentance
This Independence Day, our prayer is that we would do what is just and right, protecting life
and valuing it, just like God does and that our nation would value life once again.

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

Sincerely,
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