Your Monthly Digest of Life Issues in the News September 2018



# 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 <u>website</u>.

# Abortion

## "New Frontier": Abortion Pills and Telemedicine

Every University of California and California State University student health center will provide abortioninducing drugs starting in January 1st, 2020. The bill was



approved by the California legislators by a vote of 52-25. Support Anglicans For Life: Donate Today!

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The bill also requires that that student health centers provide

24 hour phone support to women undergoing chemical abortions and "deliver telehealth services." This is what John Gerardi, director of Right to Life of Central California, is calling the "next frontier" of abortion: chemical abortion by phone. This follows a trend. Nationwide, the abortion pill has become the increasingly preferred means of ending the life of an unborn child. Not only does it take away the messy problem <u>abortion clinics</u> face in ridding themselves of the bodies of unborn children, but it also places abortion behind very closed doors. "If this becomes the norm," Gerardi said, "You can have all the sidewalk counselors you want, but these girls are getting their abortions by chatting online with a nurse and getting stuff mailed to them." <u>Read more</u>.

#### Showdown in the Senate - Judge Brett Kavanaugh

Unless you have been completely disconnected from media for the past few weeks, you have certainly heard about the accusations brought against out-spokenly pro-life Supreme Court nominee Judge Brett Kavanaugh. The outcry has been loud and generally angry-there are those demanding he step down or not be confirmed and others shouting down his accusers. Witnesses have come and gone, and one of his accusers, Dr. Ford, gave emotional testimony in a Senate hearing, as well as Judge Kavanaugh himself. In the end, we do not know what happened those 30 years ago. We can't. Only Judge Kavanaugh and his accusers know the truth. Obviously, we are not unbiased in all this-we hope for a lifeaffirming judge on the Supreme Court. But while we wait for the impending FBI investigation to unfold, all we can do is pray, wait, and be informed. Here are two excellent articles to help you do that. The first details the actual events of the

Learn more about our first ever youth event on January 17th 2019!



Quick Links: Our Website <u>Products</u> accusations and Senate hearings. The <u>second</u> talks about the war being waged against Kavanaugh—and the impossible-toavoid connection to abortion. <u>Read more</u>

# **End of Life**

### Doctors Lobby for New Euthanasia Rules so Organs Can Be 'As Fresh As Possible'

Canada boldly strides once more into the euthanasia quicksand by looking toward its elderly-eliminating mentor the Netherlands for guidance. As has been done in the Netherlands, some Canadian doctors are seeking to unite euthanasia and organ donation into one discipline. Two doctors from Ontario's Western University, in conjunction with bioethicist Robert Truog, proposed that euthanasia "offers significant advantages for transplant surgeons" –if the delay between waiting for the actual death of a donor and the removal of organs is omitted. To make this happen, they also recommended changes to Canadian hospitals, including removing the separation between staff that handles life support and those that do organ donation. Performing euthanasia and organ removal at the same time would ensure that organs are—I'm not paraphrasing—"as fresh as possible". Read more.

### Pushing "Healthspan" Duty to Die for the Elderly?

Euthanasia supporters certainly know how to turn a phrase. In the Journal of American Medical Association (JAMA), University of Illinois Professor S. Jay Olshansky argues that

end-of-life care should shift focus. Instead of looking to extend one's life, medicine should focus—starting at age 65—on maintaining years of healthy living. Instead of a lifespan, we should think of it as a "healthspan". It is one thing to say that a patient wants to focus on that—it's quite another to think that that is how people within the medical



field should approach caring for everyone. If we have a system that only looks at extending

a "quality" of life (which in and of itself is difficult to define), how long before death by euthanasia is seen not as a choice but a requirement? <u>Read more</u>

## **BioEthics and Sexual Integrity**

### Stem Cell Transplant to Treat the Unborn

I think we're due for some good news in this NewsBrief, don't you? The first ever clinical trial of an intrauterine stem cell transplant happened in San Francisco, CA this year, which



saved the life of an unborn baby girl! While stem cell transplants were first attempted in 1990, they had limited success in treating unborn children with immune deficiency orders, like Elianna, who was diagnosed with a blood disorder known as alpha thalassemia while still in the womb. Doctors told her parents that

she would likely need blood transfusions before she was born and would continue to need transfusions for the rest of her life. However, following extensive decades-long research on stem cell transplants on babies in utero, the doctors at the Fetal Treatment Center at the University of California thought Elianna was a great candidate for the procedure. <u>Read</u> <u>more</u>.

### 6 Ways Watching Pornography Affects Your Mental Health

It's common and almost never talked about. It's the secret millions of people hide on their computers. It's pornography, and it damages not only our earthly relationships with our spouses and future spouses but our very mental health. This article discusses the six ways that pornography contributes to a decline in mental health and why we as Christians should know about this un-spoken but very real crisis. <u>Read more</u>.

# AFL Blogs

<u>Trust in God Alone: A Response to Rebecca Todd Peters "Progressive Christian Argument</u> <u>for Reproductive Justice"</u>



I pray you would see the value of the unborn. Life is about more than justice & trust. May Christians live in obedience to a God much greater than ourselves

### Anglicans in Action - 40 Days for Life



Prayer is at the heart of 40 Days for Life. This is a great way to unite the body of Christ in a lifeaffirming activity!

#### <u>Action Ideas for Life – Pro-Life Apologetics</u>



Is it possible to have a civil conversation about abortion in our society? Yes, and it's important that Christians engage in pro-life apologetics.

#### Trusting God When All Seems Wrong - Choosing Life in Difficult Circumstances



It's the ultimate exception—-abortion when the mother's life is at risk. But sometimes doctors can be wrong. Sometimes a fatal diagnosis is not the end.

When Violence in the Womb Begets Violence outside it - Pregnant Women and Homicide



CDC studies show that the second leading cause of death for pregnant women is homicide. The question is--why? And how does abortion play a role in this? If you have questions, concerns, or thoughts, please feel free to contact us!

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