

carpe diem

for Life!

March 2013
Vol. 1 No. 1

Anglican Bishops in Washington

by Georgette Forney

Anglicans for Life is so excited! *Fifteen* Anglican bishops, including Archbishop Robert Duncan, marched with us in Washington, D.C. at the 40th March for Life.

The bishops started the day in prayer by attending the National Memorial for the Preborn and their Mothers and Fathers at Constitution Hall. Afterwards they went on to the Rally on the Mall and the March itself, walking up Constitution Avenue to the Supreme Court.

“I am honored to stand, along with my fellow bishops of the Anglican Church in North America, in recognition of the millions lost through abortion and to demonstrate our commitment to uphold the

sanctity of life for all of God’s children,” said Archbishop Robert Duncan.

At the Supreme Court, the bishops listened to testimonies of men and women from the Silent No More Awareness Campaign. The testimonies at the Supreme Court shared the reality of abortion and the healing, forgiveness and reconciliation found through faith in Jesus Christ.

Speaking to a reporter during the March, Bishop John Guernsey who issued the invitation to his brother bishops, noted: “The active participation in the March for Life of more than a third of our bishops is a very public demonstration that a commitment to

—Go to “Bishops,” page 5



At the March for Life (L to R): Bp. Ray Sutton, Bp. John Miller, Bp. Julian Dobbs, Bp. Eric Meenes, Bp. Derek Jones, Bp. Steve Breedlove, Bp. Bill Murdoch, Bp. David Bena, Archbishop Robert Duncan, Bp. Bill Atwood (partially hidden), Bp. John Guernsey, Bp. Bill Ilgenfritz, Bp. Foley Beach (Missing: Bp. Richard Lipka and bishop-elect Clark Lowenfield) and Georgette in the red hat!

Welcome to the inaugural issue of Anglicans for Life's new **Carpe Diem** newsletter! We hope you enjoy our revised format and the articles will inspire you to **seize the day for life!** Each day is a gift from God and in Psalm 139, David praises God in verse 16, because all his days were ordained for him by God before one of them came to be. When you combine the sacredness of life and the blessings of each day, you can be motivated to do something for life.

Anglicans for Life has made it easy for you to seize each day for life with our new Honor Life Calendar. Each month features a different life topic and a variety of ideas, activities and prayers that you, your church, and your family can do to make a difference for life.

We feature homelessness and poverty in March and one action item you can do is hold a canned food drive to help the 16.2 million children who miss meals every day.

Order yours today:

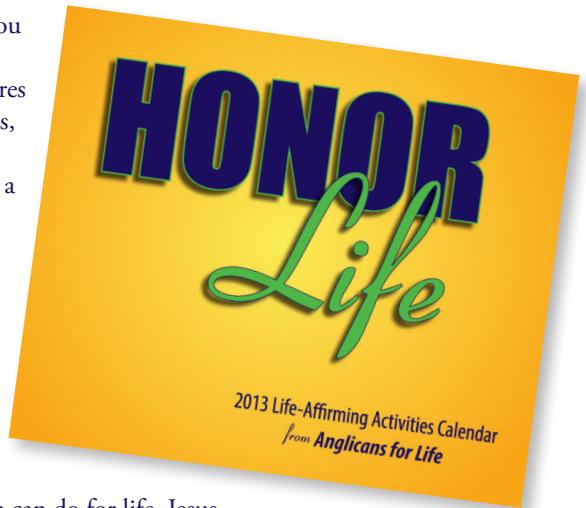
AnglicansforLife.org

Ask God to show you each day what you can do for life. Jesus didn't come to be served, but to serve. May you and I follow in His steps.

Carpe Diem,



Georgette Forney
President, Anglicans for Life



Anglicans for Life

is the only global Anglican ministry dedicated to inspiring the Anglican Church to understand and compassionately apply God's Word when addressing abortion, abstinence, adoption, euthanasia, and embryonic stem cell research.

Anglicans for Life is a 501(c)(3) tax-deductible organization, supported by churches, individuals, and foundations. Your donation makes it possible for us to uphold the biblical standard of the Sanctity of Life. A financial statement is available upon request.

405 Frederick Avenue Sewickley, PA 15143-1522 800-707-6635 Email: info@AnglicansforLife.org

www.AnglicansforLife.org

anglicans  **forlife**

The Truth Always Stands

Transcript of a speech given by Sybil Lash, Life Liaison,
Holy Cross Anglican Church, Georgia

January 22, 1973

The United States Supreme Court rendered two decisions regarding abortion *Roe v Wade* legalized abortion the first three months; *Doe v Bolton* using a broadened definition of health, allowed abortion through the ninth month. Even now, as long as the baby is dismembered in the womb, it is legal to kill the baby up to delivery.

Sandra Cano is Mary Doe of *Doe v Bolton*.

How did we get here?

Over 55 million babies have been legally aborted in the United States—that is one baby terminated every 30 seconds.

How did we get here?

The organization, Planned Parenthood, in 2011 received over 542 million taxpayer dollars, that comes out to almost one and a half million dollars a day of our money.

Planned Parenthood performs one abortion every 93 seconds.

The money our family donates to Georgia Right to Life isn't even tax deductible.

How did we get here?

In 1970, a 20-year-old pregnant woman entered Atlanta Legal Aid. She had a ninth grade education, was poor, alone, and desperate for help. Her husband was in jail and her children had been removed from her care based on misinformation furnished by a family member.

The woman was Sandra Cano. She only wanted two things: help in obtaining a divorce and her children returned to her from Foster Care.

Atlanta Legal Aid didn't help her that day. Sandra was told to come back because they wanted her to meet another lawyer, that lawyer was Margie Pitts Hames.

Ms. Hames told Sandra that she would be helped. Sandra says they told her it would be a woman's rights issue. She believed in equal pay for equal work didn't she?

The attorney and Sandra's mother worked closely together. Finally someone to help Sandra and her mother wasn't angry.



Sybil Lash, giving her speech at the March for Life in Atlanta. (See another picture from the event on page 10).

Sandra's relief was short-lived however, one day Sandra's mother informed her that an abortion had been scheduled for her at Georgia Baptist Hospital. No asked Sandra, the abortion was just scheduled. Sandra was shocked—she loved her children and no one was going to kill her baby. The night before the abortion was to take place, Sandra ran away. She fled as far as she could to an in-law's home in Oklahoma. No one knew where she was.

When Sandra finally called home she was assured that she could keep the baby. The money that the lawyers raised to pay for the abortion was used to pay her plane ticket back to Atlanta. She had to come back quickly and make her one and only court appearance.

Sandra went to court, was told to sit with other pregnant women. No one at any time identified her or gave her an opportunity to speak.

How does an attorney go forward with an abortion case when her client ran away to

Of Rights, Wrongs, and Regrets

by Bishop Steve Breedlove

On January 24, at the request of ACNA Bishop John Guernsey, Sally and I joined 15 other bishops and many of their wives from our Anglican Alphabet Soup (i.e., ACNA, PEARUSA, REC, FIF, CANA) to rally together for the Right to Life for the Unborn. On a below-freezing day we joined approximately 450,000 other Americans who marched up Capital Hill to register their passionate commitment to this cause. Archbishop Robert Duncan led us, the largest group of bishops from any single denomination in the march. I am very thankful for Bishop Guernsey's call, and for Georgette Forney, the President of Anglicans for Life – an effective visionary leader who is building a strong constituency among Anglicans in support of the unborn and their families.

The night before the march, the ACNA bishops and wives shared a meal and talked through the importance of this event. We prayed together for the lives of the unborn, their parents, and our country. The morning of the march, we gathered for a worship service at Constitution Hall. The keynote speaker, Father Frank Pavone, is a well-known spokesman for the unborn. His message was electrifying: I wish every PEARUSA clergy and lay leader could have heard this single unforgettable statement:

The rallying cry of abortionists is 'This is my body; and I take your life to serve mine.' But the first person who said 'This is My Body' went on to say, 'and I give my life to save yours.'

Even more moving was the testimony of a young couple, part of a group gathering under the banner "Silent No More Awareness Campaign" – 1000's of formerly secretive people who grieve their abortions and are now pledged to be "silent no more." They had aborted their first two children. The mother's pain over her decisions was magnified by the father's honest confession: "I failed to be a real man because I failed to protect my children from harm."

We left the worship service for the march, and in addition to the sheer visual experience of 450,000

marchers, the overwhelming, undeniable "visual" was the youthfulness of the movement. Loose estimates are that over 50% of the participants were under the age of 30. Their rallying cry was, "We are the pro-life generation!" Why so many young adults? From what we learned, Facebook postings of early-term sonograms are having a significant impact on the sensibilities of the under-30 generation; and the resurgence of the Catholic Church among the young is a powerful contributor as well.



There was so much **right** about the Right to Life rally and march: what was **wrong**? What was wrong was that only three elected congressmen were brave enough to show up on the speaker's podium. What was wrong is that I had to search long and hard for any national media coverage. One would think that half-a-million people marching in

25-degree weather would get someone's attention, but if it showed up at all, it was merest mention. A rally of 10,000 people two days later in favor of tighter gun control got top-billing in CNN, USA Today, and other outlets.

It is absolutely clear that this is not a logical battle, not a rational battle, not a scientific battle, not a biological battle, and not even a political battle. (Oh, it has been politicized terribly, but it is not essentially a political battle. Politicians either listen to their constituencies, or they lose their jobs.) This is clearly a spiritual battle, a stronghold of death, a commitment of the enemy-of-all-life to destroy life before it has the chance to give baby-babble praise to the Creator and Redeemer of mankind. There is no other logical explanation than that "dominions and authorities in the spiritual realm are arrayed against human life". Abortion is a supreme illustration of the combined power of the world, the flesh, and the devil united against humanity.

And abortion is clearly a disease infecting the moral fiber of the people of God. We have become tepid. We have wimped out after 40 years of seeing our cause ignored. We have given up the battle of prayer. We have stopped caring

enough to make our voice heard. Or, I should say, I have (or I *had*) given up, and that's where *regret* creeps in.

I remember in the late 70's when I first became aware of this issue, of what was really happening in the abortion mills. Keith Green sung and preached about it, and Francis Schaeffer wrote about it. Combined, they woke me up, and for weeks, months, I couldn't pray about abortion without tears. I was passionate, angry, verbal, and most of all, prayerful. But over time, distractions, fatigue, hopelessness, malaise, and nothing more glamorous than *acedia* set in. While my position never changed, my actions did. For years I only gave lip service to the battle. I regret this, and I regret that I did nothing to stir up more of our clergy and laity for this year's march.

But the good news is the word of grace: our Lord is a forgiving God, the Author of new begin-

nings. Therefore I can speak of my malaise in past tense, and I can now call and urge you all to prepare for January 22, 2014. Half of PEARUSA churches, clergy, and members are in the Eastern Time zone. Dozens more are within 12 hours of Washington DC. Next year, it's feasible for 70% of the PEARUSA churches and clergy to be represented in the Right to Life March by the effort of a day's travel.

God willing, I will be there. Between now and then, I will talk, pray, urge, encourage, and pray a lot more. Then I'll pray more. (Remember, this is a stronghold, a place of warfare against the Lord and his beloved.) **Will you join me?** In the meantime, I urge all PEARUSA clergy to tie into Anglicans for Life (www.anglicansforlife.org) and start to take advantage of their resources to educate and rally your church in prayers and passion for this right, good, and true cause.

Anglicans for Life's
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,
never to be forgetful of respecting life.
I commit myself to protecting and defending the sacredness of life according to Your will, through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

In Memory and In Honor

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

Daniel E. Ramsey in memory of Mary S. Ramsey

Nancy Herrington in honor of The Rev. Richard B. Pisik, her brother-in-law who was an ardent supporter for the sanctity of life

Sherwood Kaip in thanks for God's gift of his wife, Lois Ann Kaip

Ron and Debbie McKeon in honor of their 38th wedding anniversary

Julian McPhillips in honor his parents, The Rev. Julian and Mrs. Eleanor McPhillips

Gordon W. Miller in memory of David MacGregor, Jr., brother of Gail B. Miller 5

40th Annual March for

Fifteen ACNA bishops participated in the 19th Annual National Memorial Service for th

Can you find *your* Bishop



On Thursday evening, before the March for Life, Georgette had the honor of sharing AFL's ministry with 14 Anglican bishops and Archbishop Robert Duncan at a private dinner hosted by a generous member of a church in Bishop John Guernsey's Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic where all joined in prayer to ask God to bless Georgette and AFL's ministry.

Life, Washington, D.C.

the Pre-Born and their Mothers and Fathers at Constitution Hall in for the very first time!

Top @ the Prayer Service?



Our Bishops before the Prayer Service.

—Bishops, from page 1

life is at the core of who we are as Anglican Christians.” This commitment is reflected in the founding documents (Constitution and Canons) of the province:

“God, and not man, is the creator of human life. The unjustified taking of life is sinful. Therefore, all members and clergy are called to promote and respect the sanctity of every human life from conception to natural death.” (Constitution and Canons, Title II, Canon 8, Section 3)

The presence of the Anglican Bishops at the March for Life is a dream come true for Anglicans for Life. It was a cold, snowy day and their willingness to participate made it clear that they value life not only in word but also in action. May their example inspire everyone in the Church to also affirm life every day.

I pray next year that we will have more bishops and more lay people participating in the March for Life with us. Wednesday, January 22, 2014 – Mark your calendars!

Life Leaders Update

Truro Church, Fairfax, Virginia



Bishop John Guernsey visited Truro Church December 30, 2012 and blessed the A Best Choice Mobile Ultrasound and Pregnancy Resource Center RV and its new Medical Director, former Chapter Leader, Kirsten Ball! Katie Vaughan is the new Truro Church Chapter Leader.

AFL has a link to Bp. Guernsey's Holy Innocents sermon here: <http://www.anglicansforlife.org/pastors/sermons>

Anglican Church of the Redeemer Boulder, Colorado

National Baby Shower Day with the Rev. Dick Miller (right) and representatives from the local Real Choices Pregnancy Care Center who came to receive the gifts and a check for \$130.



Church of the Holy Spirit Tulsa, Oklahoma

Life Leaders, Charlene Carter and Virginia Self sent a donation from the proceeds of their baby bottle fundraiser to AFL; a portion was also sent to a local crisis pregnancy center.

Charlene and Virginia are presenting the AFL's *Project Life* series during 40 Days for Life campaign. Each year, parishioners fill the hourly prayer slots during the campaign 24-hours-a-day vigil across the street from the abortion clinic.

St. Peter's Church Tallahassee, Florida

Kelly Baudoin d'Ajoux joined Dr. Alveda King in a Prayer Conference after which a group of about 30 in Tallahassee gathered together in front of the local women's clinic to pray for an end to abortion.

The Tallahassee Chapter joined the Annual Walk for Life in November 2012 with Horton the elephant who tells us that "A person is a person, no matter how small!" They raised over \$1800.00 for A Women's Pregnancy Center.

Life Leadership Opportunities in YOUR Church

Anglicans for Life is grateful for the 148 Life Leaders that the Lord has brought to work with us in churches, the most important places where we do life ministry. We welcome and need both lay and ordained members to help AFL in ministry, education, and action. Is the Lord calling YOU to join AFL? Contact us @ info@anglicansforlife.org

Holy Cross Anglican Church

Atlanta, Georgia

Catholic Archbishop of Atlanta, Wilton D. Gregory, Bishop Foley Beach, and Dr. Alveda King joined Sybil Lash for the March for Life in Atlanta in January.



St. James Episcopal Church Oneonta, New York

Sally Hanson joined Life Leader Helen Reilly exhibiting for AFL at the Albany Diocesan Convention in June 2012.

All Saints Anglican Church, Attleboro, Massachusetts

Chapter Leader, Carol Leonard and the AFL Chapter joined the Attleboro Walk for Life (right) and raised \$1,600 for a local pregnancy center.

This busy Chapter held a baby bottle drive and collected another \$628 AND celebrated Cupcakes for Life Sunday (below) AND is participating in the 40 Days for Life campaign.



What a *Relief* Abortion Is?

by Craig Stephens, Wordpress.com

According to Abigail Van Buren (“Dear Abby”) in her column today, “Ultimately, I am told, most women feel a sense of relief after an abortion.” Dear Abby, this completely subjective and anecdotal and misleading statement is not what I have been told. Immediately, what comes to mind is the mother in Maryland who is dead this week following her botched abortion last week...some relief. Of course, you probably were not told about that, and apparently, you were not told about the many women who suffer severe depression, regret and angst following their abortion — not just in the aftermath but for years. To hear an actual testimony of the reality of post-abortion feelings, watch this video by a retired OB/GYN doctor about the one abortion he performed.

Your statement is the kind of delusionary propaganda that continues the myth of “safe” abortions. Something as unnatural as a mother ending the life within her is never “safe.” Any spiritual perspective on the matter, raises the alarm that this goes against everything that God has revealed to his creation for life, especially to potential parents. We may try to develop the image of relief at the disposal of a “burden” or “mass of cells,” but to oppose our Creator’s work of creating life in the womb will “ultimately” never give us relief.

Maybe a woman does feel relief following abortion, but what does that indicate? And does it occur to you that this supposed “sense of relief” comes at great cost to the aborted baby? Does it matter if the guards at WWII concentration camps felt great relief at the

burning of the bodies in the furnaces? Or that terrorists feel great relief when the bomb goes off? Or that a drug addict feels great relief when he or she injects heroin? Relief does not indicate peace, virtue, rightness, health or safety. The act that makes us feel relief can have disturbing consequences, as the delusion wears off and the reality wears in—and eventually it will.

Thankfully, for the woman who is the subject of your column, for all women who have aborted babies and the fathers involved or absent, God gives compassion, grace and forgiveness. Proper counsel to the writer of the letter, the man angry about his girlfriend’s withholding the story of her past abortion, would be for him to let her know he loves and forgives her and to give her grace. We also need to face the reality of the wrong decision and to repent of the act of ending the life in the womb; the good news is that God forgives. And I believe he holds each of those lives ended through abortion with him in heaven where they live in the glory of his presence.

Our local Pregnancy Resource Center offers counseling for pregnant mothers and women who have had an abortion. The great team of counselors and volunteers are always ready with open arms and a word of encouragement.

I encourage women in the above categories to seek the counsel and help of their local resource center. There is also the Silent No More Awareness campaign to help women suffering post-abortion.

You do not have to go through this alone.



If you or someone you know regrets their abortion, visit our website:

silentnomoreawareness.org

*The Silent No More Awareness Campaign
is sponsored by
Priests for Life and Anglicans for Life*



SAVE THIS ARTICLE! You might save a life!

Not Too Late

by Bradley Mattes, Executive Director, Life Issues Institute

A new study revealed there's a window of opportunity that can potentially reverse the effects of RU-486, a chemical abortion.

It's a fact that chemical abortions are on the rise. Abortion mills rely heavily on the abortion pill known as RU-486. This procedure is intended for use to seven to nine weeks of pregnancy. It's a multi-stage process that begins with a drug called mifepristone, which blocks progesterone, causing the uterine lining to break down. Approximately 36 to 72 hours later, another drug is taken to cause contractions and expel the dead baby.

While RU-486 is billed as a "safer" alternative to surgical abortion, it carries its own risks including blood clots, severe cramping, loss of blood, increased risk of infection and even death. The process can take anywhere from hours to weeks. And some women find themselves having a change of heart in the midst of this deadly process.

Thankfully, there's now an option for women who change their minds. A study recently published in *The Annals of Pharmacotherapy* revealed there's a window of opportunity that can potentially reverse a chemical abortion. The intervention occurs after the first dose of mifepristone through an injection of progesterone. The progesterone then works to maintain the lining of the uterus, thereby sustaining the pregnancy. In

the study, more than half of the women were able to carry their pregnancies to term.

This is life-saving news that must be shared! The website www.abortionpillreversal.com was created in an effort to increase awareness and help women to connect with doctors who are willing to perform the reversal procedure. In addition to information about the reversal process, it also shares personal stories, including an 18-year-old woman named Rhonda who sought an abortion early in her pregnancy. Less than seven weeks along, she chose to take RU-486. Rhonda regretted her decision and was miraculously connected with a doctor to attempt a reversal. The first step was to conduct an ultrasound to see if the baby was still alive. Upon seeing the beating heart, Rhonda, her mother and boyfriend all began to cry. I can only imagine what it was like to be in that room as Rhonda realized she and her baby had both been given a second chance at life.

We want all women to realize they can make a choice for life. Even when the odds seem impossible—even when she's told by abortion mill staff that it's too late—there can still be hope.

A 24-hour referral line is available to connect women with doctors who will conduct this reversal procedure. Call 877-558-0333 or visit our website: www.lifeissues.org

If your local doctor would like to be added to the list, please let us know.

—Truth from page 3

save the baby? The case did go forward, all the way to the US Supreme Court.

The only evidence submitted was an affidavit. Sandra didn't find out about the affidavit's contents until she got her records unsealed, 15 years after the court ruling. Sandra refutes the affidavit on nine separate points.

How did we get here?

We are here because an activist attorney misrepresented a vulnerable and desperate woman to allow the killing of the most innocent among us. Sandra believes Margie Pitts Hames had a goal and nothing would stand in her way. The tools used to accomplish this goal were lies and deception brought before the highest court in the United States.

We are here now.

For 40 years, Sandra has wanted the nation to know the truth about her case. How wanting a divorce and her children returned from Foster Care, without Sandra's knowledge will or con-

sent, was turned into a case where children can be aborted up to the day of delivery.

Today, Sandra's health may be weak, but her resolve and desire for the truth to be known are strong. She is sickened that babies are killed every day because of *Doe v Bolton*.

Sandra will continue to stand for the unborn and with the men and women who were pressured, manipulated, and even maimed by abortion providers.

The truth always stands.

Truth and facts are on our side. We have technology showing the baby in the womb and DNA to prove the child is a separate entity than the mother. All these advances strengthen our position and add numbers to our ranks. There are more Americans who say they are pro-life than pro-choice.

Some day courts will look at the facts about a baby in the womb. Until then, we are here and we are not going anywhere—even if it takes another 40 years.

Carpe diem...for Life!

from the Development Desk...

Anglicans for Life has a “Carpe diem” mind-set and we’d love for you to join us!

Most of the pieces are in place for God to really use this ministry to build a culture of life for His glory and the protection of innocent life.

Church leadership support: The participation of those 15 Anglican bishops at this year’s March for Life (see cover story) has already sparked over 20 churches to ask to be included in our life-affirming church directory! Given that our mission is to work within the Anglican Church, these partnerships and support are critical and a key in our work to protect life. Comprehensive, unique LIFE ministry resources: AFL’s array of pastoral resources is useful in helping teach God’s view of life and in ministering to difficult life challenges: the infertile couple, the woman who is contemplating abortion, the adult child helping aging parents, and so many more every-day situations.

Yet one essential piece is missing: ongoing monthly financial support which would allow AFL to focus on ministry, saving lives, ending abortion, advocating for the elderly and educating others to do so with us – rather than on fundraising.

If ever you have considered giving or increasing your giving to Anglicans for Life - the time is **NOW!**

We are ready to seize the day for life and we need your help.

Make your donation at www.anglicansforlife.org/LifeSupport or use the attached donation envelope...and make a difference for life today!

Carpe diem!



AFL is proud to have earned the
GuideStar Exchange Seal for
commitment to transparency.
Find us at: GuideStar.org



anglicans for life

405 Frederick Avenue Sewickley, PA 15143-1522

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Inaugural
Edition

Non-Profit Org.
US Postage
PAID
Sewickley, PA
PERMIT 24