



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

[US abortion rate drops to record low since Roe v. Wade, CDC reports](#)

According to data from the CDC, abortion rates have dropped to their lowest number since 1973. In 2015, there were 638,169 abortions, a 2% decrease from 2014 and a 24% decrease from the same numbers in



2006. While the actual

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abortion rates are higher than listed, because a number of

states such as California, Maryland, and New Hampshire aren't legally required to report abortion data and therefore aren't included in the report, this is still a positive thing. The report also discusses some surprising information about the common demographics of women having abortions—and those who aren't having them—namely, teenagers! [Read more.](#)

[Ohio House Passes Heartbeat Bill Limiting Abortion](#)

While it is expected to be vetoed by Governor John Kasich, the Ohio House of Representatives passed a bill prohibiting abortions after the detection of a fetal heartbeat, which generally occurs after the first six weeks of pregnancy. While this all sounds like a big letdown, Ohio's incoming governor, Mike DeWine, is expected to support future heartbeat legislation—which means that the next time said legislation is passed, it could be approved into law! [Read more](#)

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Registration is now open for attending the Life Symposium in San Francisco, CA on January 25th!



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End of Life

[They Shoot Horses, Don't They?](#)

A few recent studies have been released connecting suicide with, surprisingly, veterinarians. Yes, veterinarians. Veterinarians were four times more likely than non-medical people and two times more likely than other health professionals to die by suicide. A different study indicated that one in six veterinarians considered suicide. While there are certainly many factors to this, what the studies demonstrated was that one of the biggest stressors in the lives of vets was the euthanizing of animals. The conflict between their desire to care for animals and their professional duty to kill them, too often for purely utilitarian reasons, is the cause of great moral stress. Why is this important? Well, as euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide gains social approval and traction, we should be aware of the moral and psychological consequences our physicians have to look forward to—especially as countries such as [Canada continues to move toward euthanatizing children](#). [Read more](#).



[A Place for Death in the Life of the Church](#)

Too often we live as though we will do so forever, as though Death is not an undeniable reality for us all. So often our culture frantically tries to deny our eventual mortality—and too often those of us in the Church live like this as well. Still, eventual death for our loved ones and for ourselves is a painful truth that we must one day face, and the Church, more than anyone else, needs to help people prepare for that. A pastor of a church in Canada discusses the realities of ministering to those at the end of life and why we must have a place for death in the life of the Church—because doing so brings glory and honor to an eternal God. [Read more](#)

Adoption and Sexual Integrity

[The Beauty and Power of Adoption](#)

November is national adoption month and should be a time of great celebration in



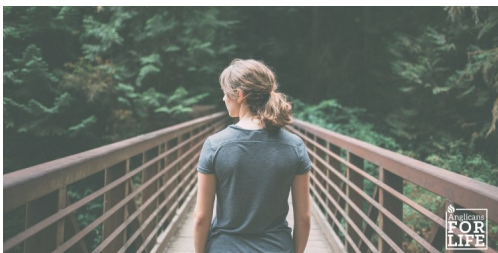
the Church—after all, we are the products of God’s adoption. Shouldn’t God’s people value what has brought them salvation and joy?

The Radiance Foundation’s Ryan Bomberger discusses the beauty in adoption—including his own—busts some adoption myths, and shows how adoption is the living embodiment of the Scriptures. [Read more.](#)

[Teen Sex Regression--And Why That's Not A Good Thing](#)

The prevalence of sexual content in all media, the de-stigmatization of sex outside of marriage, and the unraveling of traditional sexual morality have led to...less sex than ever. Really. Despite the ease of and lack of cultural judgement toward hookups, 22% of young Americans reported having no sex in 2016, a change from 18% in the late 1990s. While this may seem like something to rejoice over, the realities are much different. Many studies are attributing the decrease of sex to falling marriage rates and increasing pornography usage. [Read more](#)

AFL Blogs



[Being Pro-Life Has Broken Me](#)

So many people who labor in pro-life ministry are broken, wounded, frustrated, and more than their fair share of jaded. We are all a little broken.





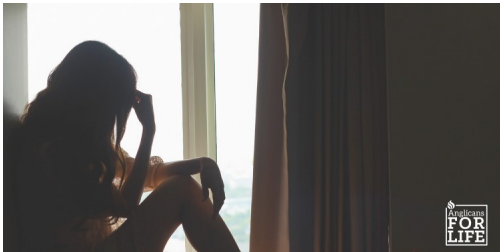
[Take Action – Life-Affirming Conversations during Thanksgiving](#)

We shouldn't avoid talking about life issues on Thanksgiving because it makes us uncomfortable—we should instead focus on speaking the truth with love.



[The Hope of Heaven & The Souls of Aborted Babies](#)

The thought of their children in heaven does bring hope--not a hope that reduces the seriousness of the sin of abortion, but a sure hope in Christ's Mercy.



[Anglicans in Action - Birth Mothers](#)

We celebrate birth mothers who place their children for adoption, but often we miss the harsh reality that they face after making that courageous choice.



[Caring for the Caregiver – Being Good To Yourself](#)

Too often, a family caregiver will neglect his or her own health and well-being while caring for the needs of aging spouses or parents.

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

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