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## SURVIVING ABORTION: ONLY TO DIE

by Deacon Georgette Forney

In the last three months, abortion has once again become a very hot topic. It all started on January 22, 2019, the 46th anniversary of the infamous U.S. Supreme Court decisions *Roe vs. Wade* and *Doe vs. Bolton*. New York Governor Andrew Cuomo generated lots of publicity when he lit up NY landmarks after signing the “Reproductive Health Act.” The new law removes abortion and the intentional murder of a baby in the womb from the state’s criminal code. It also allows doctors, nurse practitioners, and even midwives to perform abortions all the way up to the moment of birth, provided the mother’s “life or health” is at risk. The “life or health” exception includes all factors, such as physical, emotional, psychological, familial, and maternal age, as valid reasons for an abortion, regardless of gestational age of the baby.

Before the week was over, while Americans were still reeling from the reality that abortion is legal during all nine months of pregnancy in New York, Virginia lawmakers picked up the abortion baton and took things a step further as Kathy Tran, a Democratic Virginia House Delegate introduced HB 2491. During a committee hearing on the bill, she confirmed that the bill would allow abortions up to birth. VA Governor Ralph Northam later explained Tran’s comment during a radio interview, expressing support for the bill. Here is what he said:

*“When we talk about third-trimester abortions, these are done with the consent of obviously the mother, with the consent of the physician — more than one physician, by the way — and it’s done in cases where there may be severe deformities. There may be a fetus that’s non-viable.*

*If a mother is in labor, I can tell you exactly what would happen. The infant would be delivered. The infant would be kept comfortable. The infant would be resuscitated if that’s what the mother and the family desired, and then a discussion would ensue between the physicians and the mother.”*

While the reality that an abortion can be performed up through the birth of a child shocked people, Gov. Northam’s explanation introduced a secondary factor most Americans never considered – that a late-term abortion could fail, resulting in the baby being born alive, able to take in air and cry out. This truth led to the question of what happens to a baby that survives an abortion procedure?

His answer – that the decision to provide the child with medical care or leave it to die was up to the mother and the abortion doctor - freaked people out, as this morphs abortion into infanticide.

I think abortion proponents were caught off-guard when this dirty secret of the abortion industry came out – because the reality is that babies often survive abortions and are left to die.

How often?

Arina O. Grossu, Family Research Council’s Director for the Center for Human Dignity, gave testimony before the House Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice, on the topic of the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act on September 23, 2016. She stated:

*In 2000 and 2001, Jill Stanek testified before this Committee about her experience as a registered nurse, where she discovered babies born alive after an attempted abortion and left to die in the department’s soiled utility closet.*

*In 2002, Congress responded by passing the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act, which was signed by President George W. Bush and is current federal law. It passed by voice vote in the House and with unanimous consent in the Senate.*

*Unfortunately, incidents involving born alive children being killed after an attempted abortion have continued after this law was passed and into the present...*

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# WE HAVE A WEEKLY BLOG

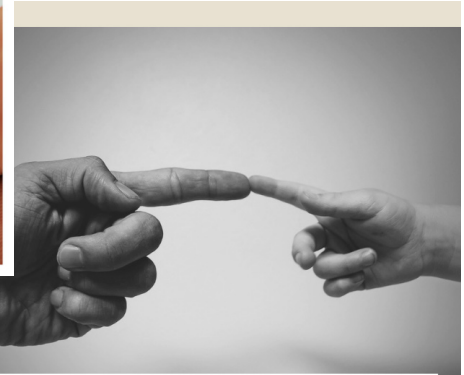
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## “Life begins at conception”

- U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



GOD CREATED MANKIND IN HIS OWN IMAGE; IN THE IMAGE OF GOD HE CREATED THEM; MALE AND FEMALE HE CREATED THEM.

GENESIS 1:27

### Anglicans for Life Prayer Calendar February 10 - 16, 2019

- February 10: Open Your Word to priests and pastors and show them how You love and honor Life.
- February 11: Pour Your love on pregnancy center workers, that they would see they are doing Your work.
- February 12: Focus the lens of the media on euthanasia, that they would show it as unethical and wrong.
- February 13: Change our nation, Lord, that we would be a people who honor and serve You.
- February 14: Remind us to be mindful of the greatest act of love, the sacrifice of Your Son for our sins.
- February 15: May our latest Carpe Diem newsletter help Your Church see a need to stand for Life.
- February 16: Grant peace to mothers placing their children for adoption. Give them friends and family who encourage them.



“45 YEARS AGO, THE CHURCH WAS SILENT, AND ROE V. WADE WAS DECIDED. THE IMPLICATIONS OF THAT DECISION ARE STILL PERPETUATING OUR SOCIETY’S CULTURE OF DEATH. WE MUST RISE UP MIGHTILY IN THE WAKE OF THAT DECISION; WE MUST RISE UP, REMEMBERING THE CHILDREN WHO DIED BY ABORTION AND DECLARING THAT EVERY HUMAN LIFE IS SACRED, PRE-BORN OR BORN.”

THE RT. REV. WILLIAM MURDOCH



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A number of years ago we had a wonderful bishop from Nigeria stay at our home while he was visiting Trinity School for Ministry and St. Stephen's Church here in Sewickley.

The thing my husband remembers most about him was that he never left the house without stopping in the kitchen to say a prayer with whoever was present. The thing I recall quite often about him was his comment about the internet.

He wisely observed all the good that it could do to help spread the Gospel, but he also reminded us that it could and would be used for evil. This truth was spoken before Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter, or Instagram were even heard of or popular.

He was prophetic in his declaration, as we now see fake news, censorship, bullying, pornography, and cyber-stalking on the various "social media platforms," apps, and website pop-ups.

But every week here at Anglicans for Life we try to use it for good. We meet as a team to discuss what we will post on AFL's five different social media sites, as well as what needs to be promoted on the Silent No More Awareness Campaign sites!

We keep a calendar that tracks all the posts, as every week we endeavor to include a relevant quote, a fact about the value of life, an item or event to promote, a Scripture reference about life, and our weekly prayer calendar.

Examples of these posts are on the opposite page. Rachel Mine is the very talented graphic designer behind these beautiful images!

I share all of this with you to suggest that if you are on any of these social media platforms, you make sure you are connected to Anglicans for Life, so they show up on your feed. This will allow you to share them with others that see your postings but may not see our messages.

Since the New York late-term abortion laws were celebrated, we have received numerous phone calls and emails from people wanting to do something to witness to the value of life and the evil of abortion. Sharing Anglicans for Life's social media posts are a simple but very powerful way to do something for life!

Publishing informative graphics and articles that educate and update people on abortion is a simple but powerful way to share the truth in a non-confrontational way. If friends or family do confront you about what you post, prayerfully consider what in the post may be triggering their response and contact them privately to talk. It is in these conversations that I envision the power of the Holy Spirit working!

If we can keep in mind that anger is usually expressed when something prompts us to feel shame or judgement, your private, respectful conversation with them might be the key that opens the door of emotions long-denied and pent-up.

I believe that this is an example of some of the good the internet can do, as the bishop reminded us!

Thank you for being a voice for life,



Deacon Georgette Forney, AFL President

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### *In Honor*

*Anglicans for Life received a generous donation in honor of Jenny Lou Amy, wonderful mother and encourager of life, from Mrs. Sarah Dube.*

# WHAT IS PLANNED PARENTHOOD REALLY ABOUT? BY SAMMIE FRANKS

“They don’t get to call themselves pro-life when we are the ones providing life-saving health care every single day,” she said of anti-abortion protesters. “And we need to say loud and clear that being ‘pro-choice’ means that we are pro-women, pro-health and pro-family.”

-Leana Wen, M.D. Executive Director of Planned Parenthood

2019 has been a year for the books. The March for Life in Washington, D.C. in January drew an enormous amount of pro-life advocates from all different backgrounds (estimated to be over 500,000), from all over the country. But then, just a week later, laws were passed that pushed the abortion agenda on the state-level. New York was first. And then Virginia. And then Rhode Island. Many other states have plans to expand access to abortion and remove the few restrictions that are still in place.

The same groups that are pushing for abortion-access to increase have been pushing Comprehensive Sexuality Education for teenagers - these are programs that fiercely attack children and who they were created to be, while not considering abstinence-based education or sexual risk avoidance programs as viable options. Comprehensive sex education programs “are highly controversial, because they go far beyond traditional sex education, as they indoctrinate youth to embrace radical sexual and gender ideologies, promote sexual rights and abortion, and encourage promiscuity, high-risk sexual behaviors, and sexual pleasure, even to the very youngest of children. In short, these programs are designed to dramatically alter the sexual and gender norms of society” ([comprehensivesexualityeducation.org](http://comprehensivesexualityeducation.org)).

Just one example of this is happening in Colorado. A state-proposed bill, HB-1032, has been introduced, which would drastically alter the current sex-ed curriculum that is being taught.

Planned Parenthood’s ready-made sex education curriculum just happens to fit the exact requirements HB-1032 would impose on local school districts. The law would forbid any emphasis on abstinence and sexual-risk avoidance as the only foolproof method against pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases and even declares that saying so in the classroom is **against the law**. Its materials often promote virtually any type of sexual exploration and experimentation as a “safe and healthy” part of any relationship, no matter the child’s age or biological sex – just as long as you “say yes.”

Our country is in trouble - and Planned Parenthood is a huge part of why humanity, personhood, and the structure of families are being destroyed. Dr. Leana Wen has been doing everything in her power to create a culture around Planned Parenthood where people actually believe that being “pro-choice” is pro-woman, pro-health, and pro-family. She’s been doing everything in her power to remove the “pro-life” label from our movement and replace it with an “anti-abortion” label. Yes, I am anti-abortion - but even more so, I’m pro-life,

and I refuse to stand by and do nothing as this all falls into place.

My heart aches for people that believe this to be true. My heart aches for the students that believe the lie that acting on what they’re feeling in the moment will bring them “true” happiness and fulfillment. My heart aches for scared, vulnerable mommas who think that an abortion will make everything in their life go back to normal. My heart aches for the men who are told they have “no say” in what their girlfriends do with their unintended pregnancies, because it’s “her body, her choice,” and are denied the chance at fatherhood. My heart aches for women who are imprisoned in sex slavery, taken to Planned Parenthood to erase the crimes being committed against them, and leave the centers only to be heaved back into a world of abuse. My heart aches for Dr. Leana Wen, because I know that at the end of this life, if she does not repent, she will get a picture of the evil that she’s propelled, the lives that she’s aided in traumatizing, and the families that have crumbled by her endorsement of Planned Parenthood. My heart aches for our country.

## The “Rebranding”

Planned Parenthood has begun an effort to “rebrand” themselves under the leadership of Dr. Wen, who took charge in late 2018, as the first doctor to lead the organization in nearly 50 years. Since her arrival, she’s encouraged Planned Parenthood centers to emphasize community health work, in an effort to take the pressure being applied by anti-abortion politicians off of them. In other words, she wants to highlight other services that PP provides and cover the abortion agenda with embellished words and distracting community efforts.

However, she goes on to say that PP will never stop offering abortions (well, at least as long as they are legal), because it’s part of what the organization was founded on. She stated this to Kaiser Health News: “We cannot separate out one of our services. That’s not how medicine works.” While she isn’t abandoning the abortion-related services that have shaped Planned Parenthood’s identity (and their opposition), she is misleading anyone and everyone who will listen to her.

Here’s where I’m putting my foot down.

## What Is Medicine?

Google defines medicine as the following: “Medicine encompasses a variety of health care practices evolved to maintain and restore health by the prevention and treatment of illness.”



# I <sup>cannot</sup> STAND WITH PLANNED PARENTHOOD

The underlined words in the definition above are what medicine is all

about. Maintaining health. Restoring health. Preventing illness. Treating illness.

In her statements regarding the rebranding of PP, Wen goes on to say: "Abortion is part of the spectrum of full reproductive health care, and we know reproductive health care is health care. And health care is a human right."

Dr. Wen, I disagree with you. Abortion procedures are not medicine, at least not according to the dictionary definition, and they certainly aren't healthcare.

- **Abortion does not maintain or restore life** - for either the mother or the baby. It destroys life - physically, emotionally, and spiritually.
- **Abortion does not prevent or treat illness.** Abortion is an elective procedure. There are many arguments surrounding this statement, due to heart-breaking circumstances that occur, such as rape, incest, or a threat to the mother's health. Less than 1% of abortions have occurred because of a mother's health being at risk - and now women diagnosed with cancer aren't needing to abort, because doctors have discovered how to implement chemotherapy, so that it does not harm the baby (now, that's what medicine is all about!). Even if it were necessary to end a baby's life to save a mother's - I was gently reminded that with any other "rule" or "law", you make exceptions to the rule; you don't make the exception the rule.

They are reframing the narrative from abortion-rights to reproductive health rights, starting from the top of the organization trickling down into all of the clinics because in some way they think that will manipulate people's minds into thinking that Planned Parenthood has never been about abortion. Wen also comments that her job as a doctor is to listen to her patients and provide them with the care that they want, and that when it comes to abortion: "Abortion is health care. Period... it's a safe medical procedure."

## The Bottom Line

Planned Parenthood is walking a rather thin, sticky, and faulty line. A doctor's job is to practice medicine - to maintain and restore health and to treat and prevent illness. Planned Parenthood is not for life. We must call out opponents to our human identity and the sacredness of life for exactly what

their agenda is about:

politics, power, and profiting from the murder of innocent lives, while covering it with the perversion of words like "women's rights" and "reproductive health."

The sad truth is that we live in a world where adopting a life is nearly 40 times more expensive than aborting one. We live in a world where giving birth costs \$3,500, while abortion is virtually free in comparison. We live in a world where you can be fined up to \$250,000 and face jail time for destroying the egg of a bald eagle, while killing a human baby is not only legal, but it can be done up to birth, simply because you don't prefer the gender.

At least 24 women have died after taking the abortion pill regimen, RU-486, and many others have experienced serious complications. In the past 26 months alone, there have been 19 documented medical emergencies at the Margaret Sanger Planned Parenthood in NYC (this is representative of 1 Planned Parenthood facility - there are 650 clinics in the United States).

Planned Parenthood: You will never rebrand yourself as a "health care" organization. You will always be about abortion - it's what you were founded on, and it's what you've built your fortune on.

Abortion. Is. Not. Health. Care. Period.

*"We know without a question that babies are babies, inside the womb and out. They don't become 'alive' after they exit their mother. Medical technology proves this preposterous. So, how then is life defined for one who advocates for abortion? A life isn't a life unless it is self-sufficient? Life is only life when you're wanted? These fuzzy definitions should frighten us all. If life is only deemed "life" when a congressman wants it to be, our most basic constitutional right is always at risk. The rules of science and logica (that ironically, Christians so often get accused of breaking) are completely disregarded."*

-Heather Creekmore, CareNet Writer

\*Editor's Note: Visit [ComprehensiveSexualityEducation.Org](http://ComprehensiveSexualityEducation.Org) to view a video that provides details on CSE teaching.

# SURVIVING ABORTION: ONLY TO DIE CONT'D.

Up to 2010, abortionist Kermit Gosnell operated his dirty and dangerous abortion facility where he did “hundreds of snippings” of born-alive babies as part of his abortion process. The Grand Jury Report noted: Many of [the women] gave birth before he even got there. When you perform late-term ‘abortions’ by inducing labor, you get babies. Live, breathing, squirming babies...Gosnell had a simple solution for the unwanted babies he delivered: he killed them... by sticking scissors into the back of the baby’s neck and cutting the spinal cord.

While Gosnell’s case was particularly gruesome, he is not an outlier. A former employee of current Texas abortionist Douglas Karpen described how he regularly killed babies born alive by snipping their spinal cords, fatally injuring them with blows to the soft spot on their heads, and twisting their necks....

Data that the CDC collects also confirms babies are born alive after attempted abortions. Between the years 2003 and 2014 there were somewhere between 376 and 588 infant deaths under the medical code P96.4 which keeps track of babies born alive after a “termination of pregnancy.”

The CDC concluded that of the 588 babies, 143 were “definitively” born alive after an attempted abortion and they lived from minutes to one or more days, with 48% of the babies living between one to four hours.

We know it is an underestimate because these are just reported numbers from hospitals, not abortion facilities. Gosnell is only one abortionist who was responsible for “hundreds of snippings” of born-alive babies, yet he did not report even one. His numbers alone exceed the “definitive” numbers of the CDC.

Even one baby born alive after an attempted abortion who is then killed is one too many. But we are talking in the hundreds of reported ones.

Yet not one person to date has been charged or convicted under current the Born-Alive law.

Due to developments in technology, babies who are considered “extremely preterm” can now survive outside the womb as early as 20 and 21 weeks post-fertilization, recent science journals announced, with 67% surviving after receiving active care....

We need the proposed Born-Alive Survivors act to ensure that babies born alive after an attempted abortion are given the

proper medical treatment. The bill:

- explicitly requires health care practitioners to treat born-alive abortion survivors with the same care they would treat any other born baby and admit such babies immediately to a hospital.
- provides enforcement mechanisms such as criminal sanctions and penalties to hold abortionists accountable for killing born-alive infants
- the bill also expressly excludes any prosecution of the mother of a baby born alive, and it gives her a private right of action to seek relief if an abortionist were to kill her born-alive infant.

Sadly, Arina’s testimony did not persuade Congress to pass the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act in 2016. However, after Gov. Northam’s remarks and additional states passing late-term abortion laws, both the US Senate and House of Representatives re-introduced similar bills. At the end of February, the Senate voted 53-44 against allowing a debate and vote on the bill itself.

According to LifeNews.com, every Democrat senator running for president at the time the vote was taken — Kamala Harris, Cory Booker, Elizabeth Warren, Kirsten Gillibrand, and Bernie Sanders — voted to block the anti-infanticide bill.

During the debate, several Democrats misled the Senate about the bill and falsely claimed the measure would ban abortions or ban late-term abortions. Republican Senator Ben Sasse of Nebraska grew increasingly frustrated as the debate went on about the false claims abortion advocates made about the anti-infanticide legislation.

“I know a lot of opponents of this bill sincerely believe the talking points that they read from their staffs. We’ve heard speech after speech after speech that have nothing to do with what’s actually in this bill,” he said. “I urge my colleagues to picture a baby that’s already been born, that’s outside the womb gasping for air. That’s the only thing that

today’s vote is actually about. We’re talking about babies that have already been born. Nothing in this bill touches abortion access.”

H.R. 962, the Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, is the House of Representatives version of the Senate bill, and



3 Abortion Survivors pictured L to R with Fox & Friends Hosts: Josiah Presley, Claire Culwell (whose twin did not survive the abortion), host Ainsley Earhardt, Melissa Ohden, and host, Brian Kilmeade.

## YOUTH LEADERS....

as of April 30th, 2019 House Democrats refused a vote on the bill for the 34th time. They read the same statement they have read the previous 33 occasions, which claims there is no bipartisan agreement to bring the bill up for a vote. Despite the claim, Republican leaders have repeatedly asked Speaker Pelosi and top Democrats to reach an agreement for the bill to receive a vote.

This stalemate has led to House Republican Whip Steve Scalise and Representative Ann Wagner to file a 'discharge petition.' That's a petition any member of Congress can sign to allow legislation to move out of committee and to the House floor when the party controlling Congress refuses to allow a vote on it.

The fact that we need laws to require appropriate medical care be given to any child who survives an abortion speaks volumes of how depraved our abortion culture has become. The fact that we cannot get enough votes from our elected officials regardless of political affiliation to legislate humane treatment for our most vulnerable members of society leaves me in tears.

Anglicans for Life rarely promotes political activism, as our mission is to help the Anglican Church be a witness for life both pastorally and practically – but this issue demands that those in the Church recognize our civic responsibility to our fellow citizens, especially those who survive an abortion.

Please visit this website (<https://heritageaction.com/discharge-petition-tracker>) and check to see if your congressman's name is listed – if it isn't, please make an appointment with him or her and ask them to explain why they haven't signed the discharge petition. If they have signed it – thank them. Maybe those who haven't signed it need to be reminded that the bill doesn't impact the legal status of abortion – it just provides care to babies who beat the odds of surviving a procedure intended to end their life. It seems to me that they deserve to live if they do!

By the way, while abortion proponents deny the reality of babies being born alive during an abortion and surviving, there is a growing list of people who, by their very lives, bear witness to the fact that it happens. Sarah Zagorski shared her testimony this past January at our annual Anglican Prayer Service, held the morning of the March for Life, and the Abortion Survivor Network features many others. For the last three months they have been sharing their stories with anyone who will listen. I encourage you to introduce them to the politicians in your community who are voting against protecting them.

While I hate wading into politics, I hate even more that providing medical care to infants, born alive during an abortion procedure, has become a political issue. Shame on us as a culture and a nation for even fighting over it. If as a nation we cannot ensure care for our youngest and most vulnerable citizens, we either need to re-think our political system or our voting priorities. Which will it be, and who else might be denied care before we decide?

Youth leaders looking ahead to the 2019-2020 school year to schedule programming - we invite you to put a trip to Washington D.C. "for life" on your calendars! Here's a short itinerary:

### **Thursday January 23, 2020 – ySummit 2020**

Held at the Falls Church Anglican on the evening before the March for Life, join us at we dive into how life is created and why it matters! Whether your students have never heard of abortion before, or if they are pro-life, this event is for all students, regardless of their background. Our prayer is that students would come away recognizing their own worth and identity, as well as that of every human being, empowering them to stand for the smallest and most vulnerable of God's children. With dynamic speakers, small group discussion time, worship, and fellowship with other youth groups from around the country, the ySummit is a must-attend!

### **Friday January 20, 2020 – March for Life**

After we gather in prayer and worship, we will head into the city (bus tickets available) together to advocate for life! This is a transformative experience for students, as the vast majority of people at the March are under the age of 25 – all coming together to show that love has the power to save and transform lives!

### **Saturday January 21, 2020 – Washington D.C.**

#### **Activities**

Choose to take your group to the Students for Life Conference, visit the Bible Museum, or just take advantage of being in the nation's capital!

Last year, we had groups travel from all across the country to join us. It is a weekend that you do NOT want to miss! If your group is interested and would like more information, please contact Sammie Franks ([coordinator@anglicansforlife.org](mailto:coordinator@anglicansforlife.org)).

Here's what one youth leader said about the weekend:

*For our students and youth, the main impact of attending the ySummit and March for Life was twofold. For the young men, it helped them to see in a real way the responsibility that men have in situations involving unplanned pregnancy, including partnering with and supporting the women and babies. For the young women who attended, they were shocked to hear that abortion affected you for the rest of your life. They truly thought that it was a simple medical procedure with no lasting repercussions. The most profound statement came from a young man named Tyrone. He said, "I did not know that so many people cared about this issue." We will be bringing our group back next year, and we expect to have even greater participation!*

Rev. Leah Turner, All Saint Anglican, Massachusetts

## THOUGHTS FROM A NEW CHAPTER LEADER BY SARAH THOMAS, CHRIST CHURCH PHOENIX

The historian Eusebius describes how during the Plague of Cyprian in the third century, Christians in the city of Alexandria refused to abandon the sick and dying, despite the great risk of becoming infected themselves: “Most of our brethren showed love and loyalty in not sparing themselves while helping one another, tending to the sick with no thought of danger and gladly departing this life with them after becoming infected with their disease” (Eusebius, *The Church History*). Modern church historians have linked the radical love and service displayed by the Church during times of disaster in its early history as crucial to the spread of Christianity throughout the world. Centuries later, we face a different set of societal ills, and the Church is a more fragmented body. What are the images in our neighbors’ minds when they think of Christians’ involvement in social issues? Do those mental pictures help our neighbors see the reflection of our Savior?

“But God showed His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8). As those who know

most intimately the transforming love of our Savior, Christians ought to be overflowing with love for the weak and suffering in our communities. While our society offers death as a panacea for various ills (unplanned pregnancy? loss of ideal lifestyle due to sickness or old age? extra or missing chromosomes? the list continues to grow...), let us be those who offer instead abundant life. To those who suffer with the painful effects of abortion or assisted suicide, let us be those whose words and lives are full of the bountiful forgiveness and healing Christ has opened to us through His cross. To those who struggle to see their worth, let us bring the message of God’s unquenchable love for each of His unique creations, made in His own image. On behalf of those who cannot speak, let us speak life and truth and light into the darkness of a culture of death. Let us offer each of these messages with winsome grace and love. After all, we are all equal at the foot of the cross. We do not bring judgment, but rather mercy and joyful service to the hurting— as those who have been brought from death to life ourselves!

## Fellowship, fun, a walk, and gathering to learn more about the Sanctity of Life!

Every January, Anglicans for Life hosts two national events designed to mobilize the Church for life-affirming ministry and outreach. We invite you to put these dates on your calendar and make plans to attend one of these outstanding events in 2020!

“Every speaker was completely worthwhile, no one wasted a word. Thank you for all the thoughtful and prayerful effort you all put in. Every aspect was obviously planned with love. Thank you.”

Summit Attendee

*east coast events*

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MARCH FOR LIFE - 01.24.20

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DATES TO SAVE!

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L.A. WALK FOR LIFE - 01.18.20

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