



AFL HAS EXCITING NEWS...

Adoption is both a great alternative to abortion and an important way to address the growing number of children in the foster care system. Sadly, many couples that want to adopt children find it an expensive process, which often deters them from pursuing adoption plans. While adopting a child from foster care typically involves minimal expenses, non-foster care adoptions tend to be considerably more expensive. According to the Child Welfare Information Gateway, working with a private agency to adopt a healthy newborn baby or to adopt from another country can cost between \$5,000 and \$40,000.

A lot goes into an adoption; many people and processes are involved, such as lawyers for both birth and adoptive parents, counselors, local and federal background checks, medical fees for birth parents, court costs, living expenses for birth mothers, post-placement counseling, medical examinations, and training for hopeful adoptive parents. For example, home study fees alone can run between \$1,500 and \$4,000.

This is why Anglicans for Life is excited to announce that we are establishing the Anglican Adoption Fund (AAF), a grant-making endeavor to help Anglican parents throughout the United States offset some of the costs associated with adopting the children that God has chosen for their families.



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What Does the Bible Say about Adoption?

Anglicans for Life believes there is no more uniquely Christian calling than that of adoption. Other faiths or moral teachings may share some aspects of the ethical life described in the Scriptures; they may agree that a moral person should be generous to the poor, enact impartial justice, not oppress the weak. But care for the orphan and fatherless, specifically through adoption, is irrevocably entwined with our understanding of what it means to be a Christian.

The Apostle James provides one of the most famous teachings on the subject: "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained from the world." (James 1:27). This is more than just a recommendation. This comes from a long legal tradition, from the Old Testament. The law commanded God's people to not take advantage of the fatherless (Exodus 22:22) and to provide for them (Deuteronomy 14:28-29). Still, adoption

means more to Christians than mere duty. It is part of our very identity. Because God so loved the world that He gave His begotten Son, we were in turn made His children. Christ tells His disciples that, "I will not leave you as orphans. I will come to you." (John 14:18), and we are told that we

have been predestined for adoption as sons through Christ

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Getting *real* with Deacon G:

Learning about the development of a baby in its mother's womb leaves me in awe of our Creator! For example, did you know:

- By the end of the fourth week of pregnancy (two weeks after conception), a baby's heart is beating?*
- By weeks five and six, a baby's ears, eyes, and nose are visibly growing?*
- By week seven, a baby's growing neck is showing, and the heart has two separate chambers?*
- By week eight, babies have elbows, eyelids, and fingers, and all the organs—except the lungs—have begun to work?*
- By week ten, a baby has all his or her muscles in place and is using them?*
- By week fourteen, a baby is swallowing amniotic fluid and is passing that fluid through working kidneys?*
- By week eighteen, a baby has a full set of baby teeth beneath the gums and functional sweet and sour taste buds?*
- By weeks nineteen and twenty, babies can hear their mother's beating heart, pumping blood, voice, and the music she's listening to?*
- By week twenty-six, a baby has growing fingernails and can see six to eight inches away?*
- By week twenty-eight, three months before the due date, babies begin to dream?*

Acknowledging how each person is uniquely created by God is so important in understanding why life is sacred and how destroying it through abortion is wrong. As I ponder these foundational scientific facts that explain how we were knit together in our mother's womb, the praise in King David's words in Psalm 139 motivates me to work even harder to ensure everyone knows the power and love of our Creator, who exhibits such care for us in the details of our creation.

It is also inspiring a new project Anglicans for Life is launching in October, tentatively called "I'm Just Like You!"

A phone call a few months back from one of AFL's Leaders planted the seed for this idea. Melinda Cosentino called and asked me about resources for teaching children about fetal development, as she wanted to give them a clear understanding

of how God created them.

While I provided her links to great websites, her inquiry also reminded me of the importance of teaching our children that they have been designed by God and carry His very breath, which will help establish early on that their identity is found in knowing the Lord as their Savior. It also reinforces the biblical principle that every life is sacred, unique, and worthy of love, protection, and respect.

To do this, AFL is producing a series of images that show the beautiful and incredible development of our unborn brothers and sisters in the womb. AFL will unveil the series of images with descriptions on our social media platforms and in print form for churches to use in Children's Sunday School classes. We also envision parents using the images with their children when they or their family members are pregnant, in order to help them understand the new baby's development.

While this project is focused on children and seems elementary, I keep thinking that there are also many adults who could benefit from some simple graphics that highlight the humanity of children in the womb, especially given how frequently abortion is in news these days.

First, the Texas Heartbeat Act (SB 8) which became law on September 1st, allows individuals to file civil lawsuits against abortionists who perform abortions once the baby's heartbeat is detected. The abortion industry is frantically tweeting lies about the Texas bill, claiming that there is no such thing as a heartbeat at six weeks gestation (the embryonic heart begins to beat approximately two weeks after conception).

Second, the U.S. Supreme Court Justices will hear the *Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health Organization* case sometime this fall. This case will address the constitutionality of a 2018 Mississippi state law that banned abortion procedures after the first 15 weeks of pregnancy. Many on both sides of the abortion debate believe this could be a landmark decision, given the current make-up of the Supreme Court.

Anglicans for Life believes that at the heart of this case is the need for the Justices to acknowledge the science that proves that unborn babies are human beings that deserve full protection under the law. As these two newsworthy laws



are covered by the mainstream media, it is critical that good educational resources are publicized to show that life begins at conception and our most vulnerable brothers and sisters in the womb are bona fide human beings – just like you and me!

Doing this research on human development has inspired me afresh to praise God and His awesome design skills! While studying these resources, I was reminded that the only difference between the child in the womb and each of us is size and location; we all have unique DNA and fingerprints, need sustenance to survive, and are made in God's

image! We are one humanity, made distinct by God for His glory and purpose. This truth needs to be shared with our children, so that they learn from a young age to value life, and with our legislators and judges, so hopefully they will protect life.

The picture above is a draft of one of the designs we are developing, which we plan to have available in time to order for the January observance of Sanctity of Life Sunday. These flashcards, along with our annual SUMMIT 2022 on January 22, will equip you and your church to stand for life as we begin the new year.

I hope you will make a donation to help underwrite the cost

of producing these images and then join us in distributing them to your friends and family. We see this project as a beautiful way to honor our Creator and celebrate His gift of life.

We also hope you will consider making the *Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health Organization*

Supreme Court case a topic in your daily prayer, as this case will have long-term implications in our work to protect every life.

If you have ever sat looking at a newborn baby, you know in your heart and soul that that little person is a unique gift from God, and in delivering that baby into your loving arms, He is expressing His love for you, your family, and all of His creation.

May His love for life inspire us to love and act as well.



For His glory,

Deacon Georgette

Deacon Georgette Forney, Anglicans for Life President

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as sons through Christ by the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1:5). Adoption isn't just a "good thing" we can do. Because of our own adoption into God's family, the value of adoption has been written into our spiritual DNA, if you will.

What Does the Anglican Church Say about Adoption?

Additionally, there's a strong emphasis for adoption in the Anglican tradition. *The Book of Common Prayer* has this collect for Christmas Day: "...Grant that we, who have been born again and made Your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Your Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ our Lord." This is also affirmed in *To be a Christian: An Anglican Catechism*, in Question 15: "God grants me...adoption into His family, citizenship in His kingdom, new life in the Holy Spirit and the promise of eternal life." There is even a specific liturgy in the Prayer Book to celebrate and give thanks for the adoption of a child. Clearly, the Anglican Church understands and reaffirms Scripture's emphasis on the importance of adoption.

So, the question must be asked—why aren't more Anglicans adopting? Why are families that adopt in the minority rather than the majority? Why are churches not more equipped to aid and facilitate adoption or adoptive families? These questions are not meant to burden you with guilt or shame. Not everyone is capable or even called to adopt. But, in the light of Scripture's teaching and the Anglican tradition which continues it, what can the Church do to fulfill its calling to protect and care for the fatherless? Anglicans for Life believes the Anglican Adoption Fund is a great endeavor that gives church members a way to fulfill their calling to help the orphaned and fatherless while at the same time providing practical help for families seeking to adopt children.

What is the Anglican Adoption Fund?

The Anglican Adoption Fund (AAF) is not new; in fact, it was created in 2015 and was known as the Anglican Chaplains Adoption Fund. It was developed under and implemented by the Jurisdiction of the Armed Forces and Chaplaincy (ACNA), and the fund's committee was made up of Anglican Chaplains who were adoptive parents themselves. Since 2015, the fund has helped eight Anglican families involved in international, domestic, and foster care adoptions and granted over \$15,000 in financial support. In August 2021, however, the jurisdictional authority of the fund was passed to AFL, which complements our position as the go-to life-affirming ministry of the Anglican Communion. Anglicans for Life

will create a fund review board, which will review grant applications of potential adoptive families and send out funds accordingly.

What is the purpose of these funds? The goal of the fund is to assist Anglican families during the adoption process by reimbursing adoption expenses (such as home studies or placement fees). But the goal of the fund encompasses more than just monetary benefits. The fund provides prayer support and partnership, as well as information and counsel concerning other adoption resources. Finally, AAF seeks to be an advocate for adoption within the greater Anglican Communion, to both raise awareness of the need for adoption and to assist adopting families by meeting their needs and connecting them to other families in different parishes and dioceses.

The AAF has been a blessing to many while under the jurisdiction of the Armed Forces and Chaplaincy:

"The Anglican Adoption Fund provided more to my family in the process than the monetary contribution. It was a visible sign that the entire church was with us and supporting us. My children were able to see, and recognize, that this adoption was not simply our individual effort, but that we were working alongside all of God's people to accomplish something that we could not do alone. It has given us confidence as we face the numerous hurdles in the process and reassurance that we are working in concert with God's plans for us, and for our adoptees." -Will, Anglican Chaplain

"We were unspeakably grateful for the adoption grant from the Anglican Adoption Fund, which came to us at a time when we were thrown a curveball in our adoption process and faced unexpected expenses. The gift helped us feel the love and support of the Church body and ultimately helped us finalize the adoption of a sibling group—who are now our precious children." - Hannah, Anglican Church Member

What Can I Do?

Christians are called to adopt, and the Anglican Church encourages adoption. And the AAF is a wonderful resource to help adopting families. What does this mean for you?

First, are you considering adoption or do you know someone who is? Is financing adoption a concern? Visit our website at anglicansforlife.org/adoptionfund to view and download the AAF grant application, or call our office

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at (412) 749-0455 for a copy. Share this information with Anglican friends who are considering adoption.

Second, are you unable to adopt but want to support those who are called to do so? Give generously to the Anglican Adoption Fund. Visit our website and click on the “donate” button in the upper right-hand corner of the menu bar. Select the Anglican Adoption Fund from the fund list. Please know that 100% of the donations given to this fund will go to the grants for adopting families, not toward Anglicans for Life expenses or other ministries. Your gift will be a blessing to both adopting families and children in need of loving homes.

Third, are you wondering what else you can do? Spread the word! Share the AAF website on your social media accounts. Feature the information on your church informational bulletin board or in your weekly bulletin. Have your priest or pastor make an announcement about the fund during Sunday services. November is National Adoption Month, so that would be a perfect time to promote the fund or take up a collection that can be sent to the fund.

We know what God has promised us as His adoptive children. We know the commands of Scripture and the joy of adoption that has been written into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. But we must do more than know; the Church and God’s people must act in order to live out the command of James 1:27 by caring for the fatherless. Join us in supporting those who have been spiritually adopted as they fulfill their calling to earthly adoption.

Did you know?

According to Rick Morton, author of *Know Orphans: Mobilizing the Church for Global Orphanology*, the orphan care community estimates that there are approximately 140 million orphans worldwide. This figure includes both “single” and “double” orphans. Single orphan is a term to describe a child who has lost one parent to death. Double orphan describes a child who has lost both parents to death.

Did you know that November is dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of adoption and the needs of orphans waiting for forever families?

Please consider designating one Sunday in November at your church to honor and acknowledge the importance of adoption, not only because it is part of our church doctrine but also to elevate the value of adoption as a life-giving alternative to abortion. AFL suggests incorporating the prayers below into the Prayers of the People:

Thank you, Lord, for our adoption into Your forever family. We are grateful that You call us sons and daughters and did not leave us orphaned. We thank You also for the people in our congregation who have experienced adoption. Bless their birth families and their adoptive families. Help those of us called to adopt a child into our family, that they would have the resources needed to pursue adoption and that every child would have a forever family. Lord, in Your Mercy: Hear our prayer.

We pray that orphaned children, newborns, kids, and teens, would be welcomed into the families You have chosen for them. Protect children in the foster care system from abuse, neglect, or exploitation, and help those who can be adopted to be led to the right family. We also ask for Your help and redemption for parents whose children have been temporarily placed in foster care. Help these parents become emotionally, spiritually, and physically healthy, so they can be re-united with their kids and build stable home environments for them. Lord, in Your Mercy: Hear our prayer.

May all those who have had the courage to place their children with adoptive families be blessed for choosing life for their children. Reveal to them the fullness of Your love for them and for the children entrusted to these families. Assure them of their children’s well-being, and if it is Your will, allow them to be re-united in your perfect timing. Lord, in Your Mercy: Hear our prayer.

For additional ideas to celebrate and raise awareness about Adoption, visit <https://cafo.org/orphansunday/> where they organize a special outreach called Orphan Sunday and Stand Sunday!

Johnston Moore, Anglicans for Life’s Adoption Specialist is also available to help your church establish an adoption/ foster care outreach. Email Johnston at Adoption@AnglicansforLife.org

Remember, as members of God’s adopted family, adoption should be seen as not only an important alternative to abortion but also a fabulous way to extend God’s love and our witness to the world, by declaring that we value and honor all children.

Do Your Students Grasp the Sanctity of Life?

We stepped off the curb and were immediately swallowed up by a slow-moving multitude. It was a sea of people curb to curb in Washington, DC. It would be nearly a half mile before we had any elbow room, when the massive crowd finally began to spread out on the route. We walked from the Washington Monument to the steps of the Supreme Court.

I've never been surrounded by more students in my entire life! For a veteran of youth ministry who has been to youth events numbering in the tens of thousands, this was nothing short of breathtaking. Everywhere I turned there were church groups and school groups. The street was filled with hundreds

of thousands of people. The vast majority of the crowd was under 30-years-old, with most being high school and college students. That was stunning. It was my first March for Life and the 45th year of the event. I'd never really given any thought to attending, even though I knew others who did.

Three months earlier I was asked to attend a "Life Summit" and subsequently, the March. The former took place the day prior to the March, so I thought, "Why not?" especially as I recalled the painful stories of several close friends who experienced abortion firsthand.

Over the years I noted the passages in Scripture that speak of the Sanctity of Life. (see Genesis 1:26-27, Psalm 22:10, Psalm 127:3, Psalm 139:13-16, Jeremiah 1:5, Job 31:15, etc.) However, this issue was rarely addressed in the youth ministries I led. Was that because it is a politically charged issue that could place me in minefields I did not want to tread? Actually, not as many students were wrestling with this issue in previous generations.

But Gen Z is different. Vastly different. Many students I work with now would describe their generation as

activists. And most of them actively feel pressure to be pro-choice. The sanctity of life has become a challenging issue where a secular worldview is making serious inroads into Christian students' lives.

One of the speakers at the Summit was an incredibly articulate 17-year-old from Students for Life. What struck me in listening to her was that we ought to be building youth groups that are clearly pro-life, and not shy away from what we think



is a politically charged issue. In saying that, I am not advocating for youth groups to become political in nature. What I mean is that students need more than ever for us to be clear on the Sanctity of Life.

This issue is not only clear in Scripture, but it also relates powerfully to the Gospel. As Herbie Newell of Lifeline Ministries summarizes, "God sent forth His Son, born of a woman and made in the image of God, to live, suffer, and die, so that through His resurrection, He might redeem broken image bearers back to God."

I returned to the March for Life the next year with many youth groups from our denomination. We have been exposing students to the issues of the sanctity of life and letting them experience this incredible gathering of life-affirming people.

The March for Life is not a protest but a joyful gathering of people who believe life matters. Apart from a few exceptions, those gathered are presenting a positive message to the world. Most come with groups from schools, colleges, and churches. Their signs, banners, and clothing reflect who they are corporately. During the March, it's not uncommon to hear Catholics reciting prayers, orthodox reciting their liturgies, and

evangelicals singing praise songs.

Our youth can play an important role in our culture. Therefore, I encourage you to consider teaching on the Sanctity of Life and helping students embrace the reality of all people being image bearers of God. Equip them to stand for life and to love as Jesus taught us to love. Then look to possibly taking a group to the March.

As you explore passages like those mentioned above, ask your group questions that will help them see God's heart for His creation. What does it mean to be made in God's image? What does it tell us that God knew us before we were born and that He formed us in the womb? What do we learn about our identity when we consider who made us? Have you ever created something that you felt was your masterpiece? If so, how did you want it to be treated by others? How do all these passages fit into or reflect the larger story of Scripture?

One of the youth pastors in our area begins his youth group meetings with several prayers including the prayer below. May we all be emboldened to so speak the truth of God!

O Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son, who came that we might have life more abundantly; we ask You to enlighten the minds and hearts of those blinded to the truth that life begins at conception and that the unborn in the womb are already adorned with Your image and likeness; enable us to guard, cherish, and protect the lives of all those who are unable to care for themselves. For You are the Giver of Life, bringing each person from non-being into being, sealing each person with divine and infinite love. Be merciful, O Lord, to those who, through ignorance or willfulness, affront Your divine goodness and providence through the act of abortion. May they, and all of us, come to the light of Your Truth and glorify You, the Giver of Life, together with Your Father, and Your All-Holy and Life-giving Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Lord, have mercy. Amen.



Anglicans for Life joins

*Daniel and Michelle Townsend
in honoring the memory of
Mr. Bill Brown*

*Esther A. Weeks
in honoring the memory of
the Rev. Robert O. Weeks*

*Wayne and Melissa Wicker
in honoring the memory of
Eric W. Klatt*

Dave Wright is the Coordinator for Student Ministries in the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina. He previously served churches in suburban Chicago and Cheshire England. Dave has written extensively for a variety of youth ministry publications, contributed to The Gospel Coalition blog and authored a chapter in the book Gospel Centered Youth Ministry. He blogs occasionally at engagingeverygeneration.com

Anglicans for Life is pleased to introduce you to our new **Director of Marketing & Communications, Kristen Nagy**

I am beyond excited to begin my role as Director of Marketing and Communications here at AFL. Over the past few years, I've gained a lot of experience working with non-profits at a marketing firm. Prior to that, I worked in the corporate, for-profit world and government sectors. I recently was married to the love of my life, and I am blessed with a wonderful family.

I've always been a go-getter, the type of person who dreamed big and worked hard to ensure those dreams came true. If someone told me I couldn't do something, it just made me more motivated. In fact, one of my favorite quotes is, "20 years from now you'll regret the things you didn't do more than those that you did do." I think there is a lot of truth in that observation. It's why I've made a point to never let difficulty, trials, or tribulations in life dictate what I can and can't accomplish. When I was in high school, I won a national novel writing contest through Scholastic publishing house. After years of writing novels, submitting to contests and publishers, and having adults smiling at me like "that's cute," when I told them I wanted to be an author someday, I proved them wrong. Had I listened to the odds, I never would've taken that chance.

When I saw the AFL job posting, I was reminded of that desire to overcome the odds. Not because switching jobs was an absurd idea or even unattainable, but because I had a new dream to achieve. In a world where a bacteria on Mars could mean life on another planet, how was a heartbeat, hands, feet, and thousands of cells in the womb not considered life? In the Land of the Free, a country so focused on opportunity and equality, how can we fail on such a basic level, simply because it isn't "convenient." Life is a sacred Gift from God. Despite popular opinion, legislation, and all other forces, a new dream has rooted inside me. I'm ready to take on the odds again. To see a day where unborn children have a voice and are treated as equals to those on this planet with a voice.

I take great pride in utilizing my creative skills to enlighten the world and bring brighter days For Life. I look forward to working alongside this amazing team while growing on a personal and professional level.



Please pray for all of AFL great staff members: **Kristen, Lori, Anna, and Sammie**, and the **Board of Directors**, as we seek to serve the Lord of Life!

AFL Board Member Update

We want to offer a warm welcome to **Lesley Hackman**, the newest member of the **AFL Board of Directors**.

Lesley has served as the Coordinator of Intercessory Prayer at the Falls Church Anglican in Falls Church since 2006. She also serves as an intercessor for the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic (ACNA), and for the past six years she has coordinated the intercessory prayer for the AFL Summits. So, if you have attended any of our Summits, Lesley's prayerful intercessions have been at work!

Lesley's passion for prayer and love for the next generation has also led her to serve as Vice-President of the Children's Embassy in Washington DC and in leadership within its National Children's Prayer Congress program. This program seeks to empower, educate, and encourage youth in their role as prayer warriors for the nation. As part of that ministry, Lesley and Children's Embassy founder Lin Story have co-authored a number of publications, such as *Your Family Legacy of Prayer – How to Create a Lifestyle of Prayer with Your Family*.

She has also served on boards of other life-affirming groups. From 1997 to 2002 she served as a member of the education and programming committee of the Jackson Field Home for Girls (currently known as the Behavioral Health Services) in Jarratt, VA, which provides shelter and behavioral support for girls in need of social services intervention. From 2014 to 2018 she served on the executive and intercessory prayer committees for the Christian Healing Institute (CHI) in Falls Church, VA, which seeks to bring Christ's healing and deliverance to mainstream culture. While on the board, she co-authored CHI publications, including *Praying for Others – An Intercessory Prayer Manual* and *The Ministry of Intercession - Standing with God in His Plan for His People*.



Her professional background as a speech and language pathologist strengthened Lesley's belief in the sacredness of all Life. "Working in Cerebral Palsy clinics, rehabilitation centers, and education settings with those with 'special needs,' physical birth anomalies, and mental challenges has reinforced my belief that each individual is an image bearer of Christ...Life as God has designed it to be, whether it has been affected by the sins of a fallen world or not, is still precious in His sight according to His Word, which is trustworthy and true. Our commission is to reinforce the value of every life and to encourage others to do the same."

Anglicans for Life is delighted to welcome this prayer warrior to the Board of Directors!

We also give thanks for retiring AFL Board Member, the Very Rev. Robert S. Munday. Robert served on the AFL Board of Directors for 33 years! Thank you Robert and welcome Lesley!

AFL Resources that Honor Life



Order Advent/Christmas Cards Today!

Ordering cards is a simple way to support life-affirming ministry. Packages of ten (10) 5x7 cards are available with envelopes for a \$10 donation.

The artist for our 2021 card is introduced on the back side.



This beautiful card was designed by Rachel Minns.
Anglicans For Life Celebrates her life and artistic talents!

Scripture: John 8:12 ESV

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Inside message:

May His light of life shine brightly in your heart throughout this Advent Season, and may you faithfully walk and serve in the joy of that light all year long!

Inside left message:

Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12



Every January, since abortion was legalized on January 22, 1973, Christians have observed the inherent value of life endowed to us by God by setting aside one Sunday a year to honor life. Anglicans for Life has created a special bulletin insert your church can use to recognize this special day. This year's design features Baby Chris in his mommy's womb, teaching us about his development.

AFL's 2022 Bulletin Inserts are available in packages of 100 each for \$10.

Call 412-749-0455 or visit anglicans-for-life.myshopify.com to order.

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Chapter News



The Anglicans for Life chapter at The Falls Church Anglican supported Assist Pregnancy Center in its annual "Walk-Run-Ride for Life!" event on May 1st. TFCA team members (adults and kids) raised almost \$5,000 from individual sponsors, completing a 10-mile bike ride or 5k walk/run. It was great fun, and helped the Center double its space this fall to serve even more clients in Northern Virginia.



Anglicans across the state joined hundreds of pro-lifers at the Virginia March for Life on September 17th in Richmond, VA. Here are some of them gathered with Bishop John Guernsey of the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic (ACNA).

Duval Acker, (pictured right) Chapter Leader for Saint Michael's Church, Charleston, SC, shared news about their recent annual Diaper Drive for the Lowcountry Pregnancy Center. This year the drive was held from July 15 to August 15. They collected 2,674 diapers and 2,478 wipes this year! Duval shared the following story of their adventures in

collecting diapers: "We sit out front of the church on the Four Corners of Law in downtown Charleston (famous place where tourists always come) for 2 hours after church on Sundays, and this year, both Shea Chambers (pictured left) and I had tourists stop to ask what we were doing. We explained about the Pregnancy Center, our Diaper Drive, and the good work done on behalf of babies and mommas. While the tourists clearly had no diapers to donate, they generously gave us money instead! So, we used the funds (totaling around \$100!) to buy more diapers and wipes for the Center."



More Chapter News

Welcome New AFL Chapter!

Anglicans for Life is happy to announce we received the official Chapter Formation Application for a new chapter formed at the Village Church in Greenville, SC. This new AFL Chapter will be led by Wes Whitesell.

For their first outreach effort they are doing a prayer vigil for the month of September on topic of suicide and prevention.

Please join AFL in praying for God's blessing on this new ministry!

If you or your church would like to learn more about starting an AFL Chapter, email Info@AnglicansforLife.org.



Georgette hosts a monthly ZOOM Call for Chapter Leaders and Life Leaders. She shares updates on the ministry and what is happening in the pro-life movement. If you would like to join us, email Georgette at georgette@anglicansforlife.org.



The Bible tells us God values life, and His Word commands us to protect it. So, to help you follow Scripture's teachings, Anglicans for Life, in partnership with ACNA's Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic, invites you to attend Summit 2022 a life-affirming conference which will be offered both in-person and virtually!

Those who travel to Washington for SUMMIT 2022 will also attend the March for Life in Washington, D.C., joining with hundreds of thousands of people to bear witness to the sanctity of life. There will also be time to worship together and enjoy presentations given by leaders in the pro-life movement. Teens are also invited to attend a special Youth Summit Thursday evening.

The SUMMIT's speakers and networking opportunities will inspire and equip you to live out your calling to advocate for life and to serve mothers and their unborn children, the elderly, and vulnerable members of your church and community. It's an event not to be missed!

Visit AnglicansForLife.org/Summit-2022 for a list of speakers, schedules, housing options, and costs.