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The Impact of a Leak!

Reacting and responding

Deacon Georgette Forney, AFL President

I have a confession; I have never believed abortion would end based on a U.S. Supreme Court decision! After years of abortion laws and limits unsuccessfully being upheld by the Court, I have held little hope that the Justices would ever overturn the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision that legalized abortion all nine months of pregnancy. I always felt it would end when people woke-up to the fact that abortion is an inhumane act that kills babies and inflicts pain on mothers and their families, thereby making it unthinkable and unnecessary.

Even after everyone started responding to the leaked draft of the opinion in the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* case, it still seemed surreal that *Roe* could be overturned. Could it really happen that the issue of abortion would be sent back to the states where elected legislators could enact laws based on the will of the voters?

It was only when a pro-abortion family member confronted me with their fear that women wouldn't be able to abort their babies that I fully registered that the other side knows *Roe* is doomed.

Personally, I thought the *Dobbs* decision would result in either; 1) The Court finding the Mississippi law unconstitutional, 2) The Court would uphold the fifteen week Mississippi ban, 3) The Justices inventing some rationale to establish a new limit on when abortions can be performed, – such as at twelve weeks, or 4) They would overturn *Roe* and send the issue back to the states. My guess was that they would uphold the fifteen week ban, hoping everyone accepted it as a compromise.

Given the fact that Chief Justice Roberts confirmed the validity of the leaked draft, the reality that *Roe* could be overturned means that it is not only possible but actually probable! While we may never know who leaked the document, having this information can impact how we prepare for the official decision that will be released by June 30.

I am guessing we all have some family members or friends whose reactions to the leaked opinion mirrors my family members. Therefore, having some rational talking points that can address their concerns, may be helpful. Here are some things you can share:

First, I recently came across these quotes published in multiple articles by Timothy P. Carney in the *Washington Examiner*. They highlight opinions of respected liberals who acknowledge that *Roe v. Wade* was an unacceptable decision. It seems many legal scholars know *Roe* won't

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What to Do Post-Roe?

Deacon Georgette Forney, AFL President



When I accepted my position with Anglicans For Life, someone joked that the goal of my job, ending abortion, would lead to me being unemployed. I remember replying how happy I would be to lose my job if it meant babies would be protected from abortion!

Well, as we contemplate the *Roe v. Wade* decision being overturned, I find myself asking; have we achieved our goal and should Anglicans For Life (AFL) close our doors and lay off the staff?

Specifically, I have asked the Anglicans For Life's Board of Directors to prayerfully prepare to discuss how the possibility of Roe being overturned will impact our mission and vision for the ministry at our upcoming Board Meeting.

For many pro-life organizations, the fight against abortion has been centered on the U.S. Supreme Court, but as I note in the front-page article, Anglicans For Life has emphasized ending abortion by making it unthinkable and unnecessary, so that regardless of the status of the law, people would reject abortion because it is inhumane and hurts women. Also, because we are a para-church ministry, we emphasize a biblical and pastoral approach to upholding the Sanctity of Life, at all stages of life.

Based on informal conversations I have had with friends of AFL about the future of the ministry, most agree that there is still a lot of work to do to protect unborn babies, as access to abortion will be decided by each state. Some states will have to establish laws for or against abortion, while others have bans or laws that will be triggered when/if Roe is overturned.

On page 3 in this newsletter, we have published a helpful overview authored by the Susan B. Anthony List that

explains the status of each state's laws as to whether abortion will be banned, permitted, or limited to some degree.

This information will help you begin thinking about how you and your church family can respond once the Supreme Court publicizes the Dobbs decision.

For people living in states where abortion will remain legal, work to elect politicians that believe in the right to life for everyone – including the unborn. These states will need to become a priority along with getting pro-life legislation passed.

For folks in states that flip periodically from one party majority to the other, the challenge will be to get pro-life politicians elected regardless of party affiliation so laws can be passed to protect the unborn and their mothers.

For those in states that will ban abortion, the emphasis needs to be on outreach to women who are vulnerable to abortion (we don't want them traveling to abortion-friendly states). They need to know there are a myriad of resources and support services they can access, so they can have the financial and emotional strength to embrace motherhood.

As the Church, it is in helping mothers choose life and then supporting them in that decision that we have the greatest opportunity to express the love of Christ in very practical ways. Imagine if every church in America provided outreach and support for those dealing with an unplanned pregnancy. In 2017, there were approximately 920,000 abortions, which means to prevent babies from being aborted, God's people must be prepared to help 920,000 women choose life!



On page 12 of this newsletter, we have provided a list of websites that offer a variety of services, referrals, and information pregnant women need, so you can begin familiarizing yourself with resources specific to your community. The list also includes abortion after-care programs. Many people who have experienced abortion may finally seek help to address the grief and shame they have unconsciously buried while abortion was legal.

I do believe once Roe is overturned, fewer women, even in states with liberal abortion laws, will seek abortion because it is, in essence been made illegal. That fact will impact some women's choices just as making it legal justified some women choosing abortion – even though they felt in their heart it was wrong.

My sense is that the future of Anglicans For Life as a Life-Affirming ministry serving the Anglican Communion in a post-Roe world will require some changes. However, we will continue to work to equip and educate churches so they are prepared to offer spiritual, emotional, physical, and tangible support for women facing unplanned pregnancies. Discipleship, mentoring, and loving fellowship offered to single moms will allow God's people to reflect God's love for them. That's a goal I hope I can keep working towards!

For His glory,

Deacon Georgette

State Abortion Status

Data originally published by the Susan B. Anthony List



Pro-Life Defense

These states have pro-life trigger laws, pre-Roe abortion bans, or other full or nearly full abortion bans not currently in effect. When Roe is overturned, these states will require immediate legal and/or legislative action and messaging campaigns to ensure enforcement of the protections. At least a portion of state government is under pro-life leadership.

Alabama (6,110)	Kentucky (3,200)	Ohio (20,630)	West Virginia (1,430)
Arizona (12,400)**	Louisiana (9,920)	Oklahoma (4,780)	Wisconsin (6,360)
Arkansas (3,200)	Michigan (26,630)^	South Carolina (5,120)	Utah (2,990)
Georgia (36,330)	Mississippi (2,550)**	South Dakota (500)	Wyoming (140)
Idaho (1,290)	Missouri (4,710)	Tennessee (12,140)	
Iowa (3,760)**	North Dakota (1,160)	Texas (55,440)	

Pro-Life Offense

These states have potential to join “Pro-life Defense” states in protecting the unborn after Roe is overturned. At this time, they do not have trigger laws or broad bans to defend. Instead, offensive legislative and messaging campaigns will be necessary to enact pro-life protections for all unborn children.

Florida (71,050)**	Kansas (6,830) **^	Nebraska (2,020)	Pennsylvania (31,260)^
Indiana (7,710)	Montana (1,580)**	North Carolina (29,500)^	Virginia (17,210)^

Federal Protection Necessary

These states have enacted laws explicitly permitting abortion-on-demand, have state court mandated abortion-on-demand, or will likely allow abortion-on-demand by simply doing nothing at all. Absent significant political shifts, federal legislation will be necessary to protect unborn children in these states.

Alaska (1,260)*	Hawaii (3,200)	Nevada (9,690)	Rhode Island (3,500)^
California (132,680)*	Illinois (42,080)	New Hampshire (2,210)	Vermont (1,300)*
Colorado (12,390)	Maine (2,040)	New Jersey (48,110)*	Washington (17,740)
Connecticut (11,910)	Maryland (29,800)	New Mexico (4,620)*	
Delaware (1,900)	Massachusetts (18,590)*	New York (105,380)*	
District of Columbia (5,630)	Minnesota (10,740)**^	Oregon (9,640)	

Notes:

Numbers in parentheses reflect the number of abortions because not every state collects abortion data or reports abortions consistently, this paper uses the most recent estimates from the Guttmacher Institute (2017). We are constantly monitoring political and legal circumstances and are working to defend or grow pro-life policies.

^ Better prospects if governor is replaced with a pro-life governor.

* Have had abortion rights imposed through state courts and lack political will to amend state constitution.

** Have had abortion rights imposed through state courts but continue to enact pro-life laws and could potentially amend state constitution.



Anglican Action Across America

AFL Chapter and Life-Affirming Church updates

Deacon Georgette Forney, AFL President



AFL is excited to welcome a new Chapter established at the **Anglican Church of the Holy Trinity** in North Augusta, SC! We celebrate Terri Henley who is serving as Chapter Leader! The new Chapter has fifteen members and will focus on addressing abortion and adoption. They also plan to see the movie *The Matter of Life*!

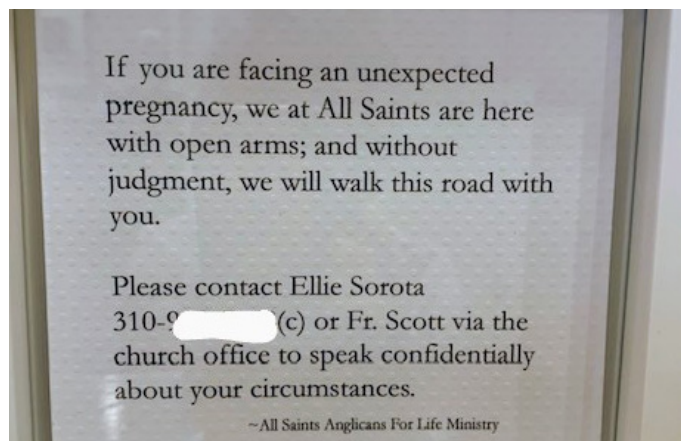


Above: Chapter meeting at Anglican Church of the Holy Trinity located in North Augusta, SC.

AFL also welcome new Life Leader Robert Wyman from **St. Michael's Anglican** in Gainesville, VA.

Ellie Sorota, Chapter Leader for **All Saint's Church** in Long Beach, CA has been busy leading her Chapter. In conjunction with Sanctity of Life Sunday, the chapter hosted an information table after services, and provided copies of AFL's "Finishing Life" booklet to any parishioner who was interested, including younger congregants who may need guidance in having discussions with older family members. In early summer, they will host a mental health table after services in hopes of providing resources for those who need help personally or need to be prepared to be a good neighbor to someone contemplating to suicide, despondency, or depression. At the table, they will provide counseling referrals, hotline information, books and more. Finally, a sign that was recommended by Georgette, was recently placed in the women's restroom. Ellie says, "We hope this communicates our compassionate life-

loving position to both our members and those in crisis."



Above: The sign placed in the women's restroom.

Ed Speare, Chapter Leader for **All Saint's Anglican Church** in Woodbridge, VA recently hosted their annual Chapter meeting with guest speaker Michael Leaser from The Family Foundation. He spoke about the realities of a "Post Roe v Wade" environment in Virginia. Ed and his wife Suzy, who works for the local pregnancy center, hosted a table at their



Above: Michael Leaser speaking at the All Saints Anglican Church's annual meeting in Woodbridge, VA.

gala, with Chapter Members, Bp. John Guernsey, and his wife Meg in attendance. They also attended the VA March for Life in Richmond!



Above: Bp. John Guernsey, and his wife Meg along with Ed Speare and his wife Suzy at the gala.

Kathleen Bullock, Chapter Leader for **Apostles Anglican Church** in Knoxville, TN joined with members of the Chapter in attending the movie, *The Matter of Life*.

We celebrate with Chapter Leader Stacie Johnson from **St. Mark's Church** in Geneva, IL and her family as they await the arrival of their fourth child.

Paulette Ivey, who serves as both Chapter Leader for **Holy Cross Anglican Cathedral** and Diocesan Life Coordinator for the **Diocese of the South**, recently sent a letter to the clergy of the Diocese exhorting them to stand for life! She also shared the link to a sermon preached by Archbishop Foley that affirms the value of life! You too can listen to it at <https://www.cktbirmingham.org/sermons/fourth-sunday-of-easter>.

AFL also welcomes **Andover Community Church** in East Andover, NH and **Glory to God Anglican Church** in Cocoa, FL, who have signed up to be Life-Affirming Churches listed on our Life-Affirming Church online Map. To learn more about being a Life-Affirming Church visit: anglicansforlife.org/lead-life-ministry/

Melinda and Eric Cosentino hosted an AFL exhibit table for us at the **Diocese of the Living Word** Synod recently.

Chapter Leader Betsy Shelton from **St. James Anglican** in Costa Mesa, CA and Chapter Member Linda Fleming

successfully circulated information about pending legislation in the California legislature that would have legalized infanticide. AFL is happy to report pressure from the pro-life groups led to amending the law to prevent infanticide.

Katherine Booth, Chapter Leader of **Christ Church** in Vero Beach, FL was in attendance when Gov. Ron Desantis signed the 15-week abortion ban in Florida.



Above: Governor Desantis signing the 15-week abortion ban in Florida.

Charlene Carter, Chapter Leader for the **Anglican Church of the Holy Spirit**, in Tulsa, OK shared a new idea other Chapters can adopt! They printed business cards that feature the contact information of local pregnancy centers in their area. Each parishioners received a few to carry in their wallets so they are ready to share the information whenever they encounter anyone needing help. They are also praying for God-inspired opportunities to share this wonderful resource!



Above: The business cards Charlene Carter and the Anglican Church of the Holy Spirit in Tulsa, OK created featuring local pregnancy center contact information.



Interested in becoming a Chapter leader or a Life-Affirming Church?

Learn more about the process online at anglicansforlife.org/lead-life-ministry/



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The Impact of a Leak! (Continued)

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withstand challenges forever.

Kermit Roosevelt, professor at the University of Pennsylvania Law School stated, “[I]t is time to admit in public that, as an example of the practice of constitutional opinion writing, *Roe* is a serious disappointment....As a constitutional argument, *Roe* is barely coherent.”

Michael Kinsley, attorney and political journalist, “Although I am pro-choice, I was taught in law school, and still believe, that *Roe v. Wade* is a muddle of bad reasoning and an authentic example of judicial overreaching. I also believe it was a political disaster for liberals.”

Former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg called *Roe* a “heavy-handed judicial intervention [that] was difficult to justify and appears to have provoked, not resolved, conflict.” Ginsburg also said, “*Roe* isn’t really about the woman’s choice, is it?” It’s about the doctor’s freedom to practice... it wasn’t woman-centered, it was physician-centered.”

Edward Lazarus, former clerk to Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun reflected, “As a matter of constitutional interpretation and judicial method, *Roe* borders on the indefensible. I say this as someone utterly committed to the right to choose...A constitutional right to privacy broad enough to include abortion has no meaningful foundation in constitutional text, history, or precedent...”

I appreciate that these people express an honesty about the invalidity of *Roe v. Wade*, but it makes me angry that while they knew *Roe* was wrong, they continued to protect it at the cost of millions of dead unborn children and traumatized women.

While I’d like to think there is a special place in hell for people who choose

to protect abortion over human lives, I am reminded that God’s judgment in the Old Testament, such as in Deuteronomy 19, verse 3 “Show no pity. You must purge from Israel the guilt of shedding innocent blood, so that it may go well with you,” is tempered by Jesus’ redemptive work on the cross. As individuals, we have all fallen short in protecting life, and as a nation, overturning *Roe* is only the first step in purging the blood of the innocent. We must also repent for the 63 million babies legally aborted in the United States since 1973.

Sadly, instead of repentance as a proper response to 49 years of abortion, we see the consequences of *Roe* in extreme displays of irrational actions, hate, anger, and violence. Recent examples include:

Billboards have been erected in Portland, Oregon by an organization called “Stop Having Kids.” These billboards tell people to “Stop Having Kids.” On their website, the group claims having children is selfish and unethical. On their website, they describe their organization “pro-choice all the way” and displays messages like “Enough People Already” and “Parenthood Regret Is a Silent Epidemic.” They state, “We believe there are no reasons for having children that aren’t self-focused (besides through force), and that having children

is unethical and irrational—despite the fact that birth is a natural process.”

Consider Amnesty International’s Secretary General, Agnes Callamard denouncing the leaked Alito opinion, “There are grim signs that the United States is out of step with the progress that the rest of the world is making in protecting sexual and reproductive rights. We fervently call on the U.S. authorities to protect the right to legal and safe abortion. Anything less would be a gross failure to uphold human rights, including the rights to life, health, bodily autonomy, privacy and dignity. Any regression in protection of the right to abortion would not only stand to damage the global perception of the United States; it would also set a terrible example that other governments and anti-rights groups could seize upon around the world in a bid to deny the rights of women, girls and other people who can become pregnant.” How does she not see the irony of protecting the right to life for some people but not the unborn?

Images of legislators clapping and cheering as governors sign radical abortion-on-demand legislation into law, allowing for the termination of babies up to birth continue to circulate. Do you remember when New York lit up the Empire State Building in pink to celebrate abortion? And according to a



press release from the Capitol Resource Institute, AB2223 is a bill pending approval in the California Assembly. The goal of the legislation is, "That there shall be no civil and criminal penalties for people's actual, potential, or alleged pregnancy outcomes." To achieve this controversial goal, the bill removes legal penalties for a mother and any accomplice for the death of an unborn child. How can legislators celebrate laws that permit mothers to abort their children up through birth? Where is their sense of humanity and concern for the citizens they have pledged to protect?

Most recently, according to LifeNews.com, the Department of Homeland Security has released a report showing that radical abortion activists plan to burn down or storm the Supreme Court building and murder justices and their law clerks once the decision overturning *Roe v. Wade* is released. The report indicates these pro-abortion extremists will also target pregnancy centers, churches and other places of worship with violence and vandalism (as they already have).

These examples of over-the-top behavior by those who support abortion should be shared publicly as the media is downplaying the radical nature of the pro-abortion crowd. While it is obvious these extreme opinions do not line up with most American's attitudes toward abortion, they may serve to encourage more people to disassociate with the pro-abortion crowd and take a more Life-Affirming perspective.

Based on recent polling, the extremist effect could be influencing attitudes about abortion. A Fox News poll (done hours prior to the Alito opinion leak) asked how Americans feel about abortion and it showed a majority of Americans want all or most abortions made illegal. Americans are pro-life on a 54-44% margin. Overall, 44% think abortion should be legal all (27%) or most of the time (17%), while a majority of 54% thinks it should be illegal all (11%) or most of the time (43%). The "legal" number is a record low and it's also the first time the portion saying

"illegal" has been above 50% on a Fox News poll.

It is also interesting that a recent poll conducted by Students for Life found that people in the Millennial and Gen Z age bracket want a voice and a vote on abortion. An astonishing eight in ten people want to vote on abortion policy in their states – up from 66% last year. They also want less abortions. Three out of four Millennials and Gen Z support limits with more than four in ten favoring either no abortion at all or abortion limited to the exceptions of rape, incest, or to save the life of the mother.

I have also noticed the following common objections to making abortion illegal are being resurrected as reasons why *Roe* cannot be overturned. Here's how you can refute each objection in bold type below:

Privacy Issue: Fearmongers are saying that reversing *Roe* will impact "privacy rights" like those that were identified in *Griswold v. Connecticut* (which allowed married couples to acquire contraception) and *Obergefell v. Hodges* (which legalized gay marriage). But the leaked draft indicates that the *Roe v. Wade* decision is hyper-focused on abortion. They are very intentional about distinguishing abortion from an actual issue of privacy because abortion deals with "a critical moral question" i.e., ending a human life. Also, we must recognize that neither abortion nor privacy appear in the Constitution, yet, in the context of a civilized society, we argue that privacy can't include ending someone else's life. Your rights cannot infringe, especially lethally, on someone else's.

Women of color will suffer: Employing poor women and women of color to defend abortion is reprehensible – nothing is more racist than abortion. Children of every ethnic background are just as precious as Caucasian babies. Feminists for Life states: "Economic justice does not come from women laying their bodies down for brutal procedures or taking a series of poisonous pills to accommodate unsupportive administrators, bosses, or partners."

Men will control women: Overturning *Roe* will allow the American people, state by state, to debate this issue through their elected representatives instead of having unelected judges set abortion policy.

Women should have the right to control their body: Students for Life's website addresses this very well, pointing out that the fetus has different DNA, possibly a different sex or blood type, and fits all other criteria for existence as a distinct organism. Pointing out where a gestating child differs from an actual body organ, like a pancreas, can be useful. An organ is a specialized group of tissue that performs a certain function for the organism's body. It cannot do so without the instruction of the mother's brain. A baby, from the moment of conception, is self-directed. He/she is not serving the mother's body like an organ, and the mother's brain is not directing the growth.

Women will go to jail: Everyone who supports the Sanctity of Life recognizes that in every abortion there are two victims; the mother and the baby. The mother should always be protected under the law, but the abortionist who performs an illegal abortion should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Knowledge of Justice Alito's draft opinion also serves to remind us that we must be praying for those who are most vocal and are protesting *Roe*'s future demise when the final decision is released. Please remember that for those who don't know or understand the redemptive work of our Lord Jesus Christ, affirming abortion is their only way to cope with the trauma that abortion is for the woman and those close to her.

Once abortion is considered illegal at the national level, where will people go with their pain, grief, angst, shame, and guilt?

May God's people find a way to love those being extreme, recognizing that the sin of abortion is a heavy weight to carry. Always remember Anglicans For Life is here to help you help them.



Expanding our Team

AFL welcomes Sydney Alleyne to our ministry family.

Sydney Alleyne, AFL Social Media Specialist

I am very excited to be joining the Anglicans For Life family as the Social Media Specialist! I have a strong background in social media management and content creation and am looking forward to assisting the team in sharing the various ministries Anglican For Life offers.

A little about myself; I'm married to my high school sweetheart, and we have three children (one of them being our fur child named Faith). My husband and I grew up in Christian households, it's important for us to teach our

children Christian values and the importance of following the Lord's teachings. In my spare time, I coach girls' soccer and love spending time with my family.

I am eager to grow spiritually and professionally within this role and spread awareness about the importance of life and how God has a plan for everyone. No matter the situation; He will never give you an obstacle you can't handle.

Calling All Student Artists

Your artwork could be on
AFL's Christmas card!

Get your youngest church members involved in life ministry with our Christmas card design contest. Feel free to use the language below in your bulletin to promote this unique opportunity. Contact Kristen Nagy at marketing@anglicansforlife.org if you would like the flyer artwork.

Anglicans For Life is pleased to announce an exciting opportunity for students of all ages to do something for life! This year, our annual Christmas card design will be the original work of an Anglican artist. All designs should be inspired by this year's scripture Luke 2:1-20. The winning artist will receive a pack of ten (10) Christmas cards, recognition in our newsletter and on social media, and a \$100 giftcard. Deadline to enter is August 1, 2022. Visit <https://forms.gle/cLqCemZc6JFzUhWw9> or scan the QR code below to view official contest rules or to submit your entry!



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CHRISTMAS

card design contest

SUBMIT YOUR ORIGINAL ARTWORK FOR A CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR DESIGN FEATURED ON OUR 2022 CHRISTMAS CARD!

<p>Rules</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artist must be a student • Design should be inspired by this year's card scripture Luke 2: 1-20. • Artist must sign a release for us to print and use their artwork. • Artist must be Anglican. 	<p>Prize</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artwork featured as our Christmas card design for the 2022 Advent season. • A \$100 gift card • Promotion in our newsletter, "Carpe Diem," and on social media. • One (1) free pack of cards.
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SUBMISSION DEADLINE: AUGUST 1, 2022

Upload your entry and view contest details online at forms.gle/NhEWiayT5KaL8W916 or scan the QR code.



The Church's Role in Adoption

Johnston Moore, AFL Adoption/Orphan Care Consultant



AFL has always recognized the importance of supporting and promoting adoption in the fight to prevent abortion. When a woman faces an unplanned pregnancy and doesn't want, or believe she's able to parent her child, we feel it's especially important to come alongside her to help her choose an adoption plan for her child.

As God loves each and every child in and outside of the womb, our care for children must extend beyond ensuring that they are not aborted (as vital as that is!). As people who have benefited from being adopted through Jesus into God's forever family (Ephesians 1:4-5, Galatians 4:7), adoption should play a critical role in the Church's life witness.

Children were designed to live in safe, loving, nurturing homes. In a world which increasingly disregards the best interests of children, the Church must step up and provide the homes and support that will help them live the lives God intended for them. Wherever children and families struggle, the local Church has a crucial role in helping them, not only meeting their physical needs, but especially when it comes to their spiritual well-being.

There are so many ways Christians can engage with vulnerable children and families. We can become mentors, or tutors. We can collect and donate supplies they need for school and more. We can build relationships with young adults who have aged out of the foster care system and support them in various ways, and help them find community within a local church. And, of course, we can prayerfully consider opening our homes to children and youth by becoming foster parents, and possibly adoptive parents.

We can also support the biological parents of children in foster care. We can mentor them. We can help them with resources they need to better parent their children. We can help them with needed supplies. We can pray for them and encourage them as they try to reunify with their children. We can invite them to become a part of our local church so they have the support and community they need to help them moving forward.

Another tangible way to help children is by donating to the Anglican Adoption Fund (AAF). At AFL, we don't want finances

to stand in the way of any loving, Anglican family who feels called to open their home to a child through adoption, so the AAF is in place to help. If you would like to learn more, or if you'd like to donate or apply for an adoption grant, please visit <https://anglicansforlife.org/issues/orphans-and-vulnerable-children/adoption/anglican-adoption-fund/> or scan the QR code below.



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AFL recognizes the great needs of children and families in the foster care system, as well as the children voluntarily placed for adoption and their birth parents, and children in overseas orphanages. We also recognize God's call on the Church to meet the needs of hurting children and families. We want to partner with Anglican churches across the ACNA to help you start a ministry serving children in foster care, or other vulnerable children, or to partner with other ministries already at work in your communities.

We can help your church:

- Recruit foster and adoptive families.
- Support foster and adoptive families.
- Provide much-needed items and resources for struggling families.
- Become trauma-informed.
- Get connected with local church networks, as well as national movements and orgs.
- Connect with, and help, local child welfare agencies.

If you want to learn more about foster care, adoption, or international orphan case, please get in touch with us at Adoption@AnglicansForLife.org or call 412-749-0455.

Doing Something for Life

Deacon Georgette Forney, AFL President



Late last summer, an email came in from a woman named, Deb Spellerberg. The email said, "How can I help you? My family attends St. Paul's Anglican Church in Conway, SC. I recently became a member of Daughters of the King, and I noticed your organization on our prayer list. I belong to many ministries but the cruelty of wrongful ending of life is so very close to my heart. I was wondering in some small way how I can be of service to you?"

After reading the email I reached out to the author, Deb Spellerberg. We met over the phone, and I heard her passion for life and her willingness to serve God. I asked her about herself, and she noted that she loved doing crafts and was interested in using her "crafting" to help protect and honor life. We discussed various options, and a few weeks later she sent a picture of a beaded bracelet with a charm that said, 'Life is a Gift.' She asked if AFL thought women would like to wear a witness for life! I LOVED the idea!

She started making bracelets, selling them at her church, and sending us the profits! Before I knew it, she had sent us additional pieces that we sold at our Life SUMMIT in January. She has continued

to make them, and we now have some in stock and available on our Shopify store online.



But Deb didn't stop there! She heard about "Hats from the Heart," a ministry developed by chaplain, Canon Julie Russell-Crunk. Hats from the Heart provides impoverished newborn babies and young children worldwide with hats to protect them from weather and unsanitary conditions. "Most of what parents are able to salvage for their

children comes from the scattered unsanitary refuse of others", commented Canon Julie. "A new item is anything they can find. These hats are a welcomed joy and needed protection for children living in adverse conditions." The hats can be crochet, hand knitted, or sewn with love, and each one is prayed over and sent with a Bible verse.

Once Deb learned about Hats from the Heart, she began crocheting and sent Julie a collection of handmade hats that were shipped off for distribution to the Ukraine, Guatemala, and Lebanon.

I thank God for Deb and I hope others are inspired by her faithful witness. Just as the little boy in John 6 offered his loaves and fishes, Deb, in offering her hobbies to God, is touching many lives.



Order your bracelet now!

Scan the QR code or visit https://anglicans-for-life.myshopify.com/products/bracelets?_pos=1&_sid=c23be42a7&_ss=r to order your bracelet now!



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Safeguarding Loved Ones in Nursing Homes

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I have had many relatives and friends who lived in nursing homes and, especially as a nurse, I am always saddened by how few of the other residents had any visitors, even family members. I have even heard relatives say they would just prefer to remember their relative “the way they were”.

This is not only tragic for the family member’s or friend’s psychological well-being but also potentially for their safety. Nursing home residents without visitors are at greater risk of neglect or even abuse. With sometimes inadequate staffing and/or high nurse and aide turnover, it is important that people in a nursing home have someone who knows them to look out for them.

Here are 3 tips that can help safeguard a friend or relative:

1. Get to know the staff and tell them about your friend or relative, especially likes or dislikes. Visit at different times or days in order to know the staff and when it is most convenient to talk with them.

2. Notice “red flags” like poor personal hygiene, unexplained injuries, weight loss, emotional changes, environmental hazards, etc.

3. Know who to contact if you see a problem. Especially if you have health care power of attorney for your relative or friend, ask about care conferences so that you can attend them. Such conferences usually cover how the resident is doing in terms of activity, possible pain, eating, mobility, etc. It is also crucial to know what medications have been ordered and given, especially the PRN (as needed) ones. For example, you may notice a change such as sleepiness or fatigue that can be helped with a medication change.



Editor’s Note:

Nancy will be one of AFL’s Life SUMMIT speakers in 2023.

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IN MEMORY

Anglicans For Life joins...

The Chapel of the Cross in honoring the memory of Dorothy Bouton.

Ben & Meg Spanos (Grandchildren) in honoring the memory of Tasso George Spanos.

John and Marilyn Calhoun in honoring Julia, Tommy, Ellie, George and Casi. Also, Clay, Lacy, Will & Mary and Charlsie Parks.

Daniel Townsend in honoring the memory of Edith Camburn.

Important Life Resources

Abortion Aftercare Resources

RECOVERY PROGRAMS

SRT Services

Abanon.org
(509) 993-4683

Deeper Still

GoDeeperStill.org
(865) 524-3313

Entering Canaan/LUMINA

EnteringCanaan.com
(914) 844-4995

Healing Hearts Ministries International

HealingHearts.org
(505) 355-6922

Men and Abortion Network

LifelIssues.org
(513) 729-3600

Rachel's Vineyard

RachelsVineyard.org
(877) 467-3463

Save One

SaveOne.org
(615) 636-2654

Support After Abortion

SupportAfterAbortion.com
(844) 289-4673

Surrendering the Secret

SurrenderingTheSecret.com
(727) 569-2232

24/7 HELPLINES

Concepts of Truth International Helpline

InternationalHelpline.org
1-866-482-5433

H3Helpline

H3HelpLine.com
(866) 721-7881

AWARENESS PROGRAMS

Silent No More Awareness Campaign

SilentNoMore.com
AbortionForgiveness.org
(412) 749-0455

The Justice Foundation/Operation Outcry

TheJusticeFoundation.org
(210) 614-7157

Pregnancy Related Needs

ABORTION PILL REVERSAL

Abortion Pill Reversal
ReverseAbortionPill.com
(614) 885-7577

ABORTION AND BREAST CANCER LINK

Breast Cancer Prevention Institute
BcplInstitute.org
(908) 745-8451

PREGNANCY AFTER RAPE

Save the 1
SaveThe1.com

Choices 4 Life

Choices4Life.org
(281) 451-8460

UNPLANNED PREGNANCY HELP

Care Net National-Consultant

PregnancyDecisionOnline.org
(866) 802-4705

Heartbeat International

HeartBeatInternational.org
(800) 712-4357

National Institute of Family and Life Advocates

NIFLA.org
(540) 372-3930

ADVERSE PRENATAL DIAGNOSIS

String of Pearls
StringOfPearls.org

Be Not Afraid

BeNotAfraid.net

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Endowment for Human Development
EHD.org

The Voyage of Life

LozierInstitute.org/voyage/
(202) 223-8073

INFERTILITY

Fertility Care Centers of America

FertilityCare.org
(402) 505-8917

Creighton Model

CreightonModel.com

NaProTechnology

NaProTechnology.com
(402) 390-6600

Embryo Adoption Awareness Center

EmbryoAdoption.org
(970) 578-9700

Night Light Christian Adoptions

NightLight.org
(502) 423-5780

End of Life Advocacy

PATIENT ADVOCACY

Halo

HaloVoice.org
(888) 221-4256 (HALO)

Life Legal

LifeLegalDefenseFoundation.org
(707) 224-6675

LIFE AND LEGAL ISSUES

Alliance Defending Freedom

ADFlegal.org
(800) 835-5233

American Center for Law and Justice

ACLJ.org
(800) 342-2255



 Visit AnglicansForLife.org for more information.