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Words Matter in Advocating

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When you hear or read the word abortion, what comes to mind?

Do you immediately think Democrat or Republican party platforms? Does your imagination center on the words of Genesis 1:27, "So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them."

How about the ACNA's Title II, Canon 8, Sections 3 and 4 that read;

- Section 3 - God, and not man, is the creator of human life. The unjustified taking of life is sinful. Therefore, from conception to natural death all members and Clergy are called to protect and respect the sanctity of every human life.
- Section 4 - The Church is called upon to show Christ-like compassion to those who have fallen into sin, encouraging them to repent and receive forgiveness, and offering the ministry of healing to all who suffer physically, or emotionally as a result of such sin.

Does the word abortion bring back memories of a friend or

family member that had one years ago? Does it cause you to think about the child missing from your family portrait?

Have you noticed how often we don't use the word abortion, but instead rely on euphemisms like "reproductive freedom" or "reproductive rights" when we are actually discussing abortion?

These two phrases have been especially embraced and used by Vice President Kamala Harris' campaign during this election season, and if you watch any of her television commercials, both "reproductive freedom" and "reproductive rights" are touted as sacred values that everyone should be concerned about protecting.

As Americans, we recognize that every freedom and right we enjoy in this country is rooted and established in our founding documents, such as the Bill of Rights and the Declaration of Independence. The brave members of the U.S. Military, since our nation began, have fought to ensure our freedoms (religion, speech, press) remain intact.

But why are these two phrases referring to freedom and rights so popular with the pro-abortion community?

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Life Emergency Kits

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In 1st Corinthians, chapter 12, Paul talks about the Holy Spirit giving different spiritual gifts to the brothers and sisters in Christ. Further into the chapter, Paul uses the analogy of the many body parts to explain the importance and variety of ministry needs and fellowship support in helping God's people serve His kingdom.

I have always loved this teaching because it encourages us to look at our fellow believers as team members, all seeking to further the work of the Church in a wide variety of ways. And in today's culture the Church is being called upon to serve the needs and make disciples of a vast variety of people groups!

In my work, I have the privilege of meeting people from around the country and I'm always amazed by the various ministries and support services God's people provide to believers and non-believers. Teaching English as a second language, ensuring school age children have stocked up backpacks to start school, food banks, visiting the elderly just to name a few. It is a wide and varied list of ways we seek to serve the least, lost, and downtrodden.

And as the body of believers, it is fascinating to watch how we network and encourage each other to be creative – thinking outside the box to ensure people's needs are met.

Here at Anglicans For Life, this partnership amongst God's people has recently led to the development of a new resource for our ordained brothers and sisters! It was inspired by a retired priest and his wife, Fr. Eric Cosentino and his wife, Melinda called me in the springtime with the idea of developing Life Emergency Kits.

Since the first prototype, we have been fine-tuning this simple packet of materials so that within a few pages, clergy can find a plethora of resources addressing the critical life and death issues that AFL addresses, such as teen or crisis pregnancy, adoption challenges, abortion after-care programs, and end-of-life needs.

Our goal is to send a Life Emergency Kit to every priest and rector in our church database this fall. Our prayer is that they will keep it in a desk drawer for easy access during pastoral care meetings.

Each kit costs \$2.50 and we invite you to sponsor a few kits to help us offset the costs. Also, if you would like to request a kit for your priest, please email me (Georgette@AnglicansForLife.org) or call the office 412-749-0455. We can mail the kit to you so you can hand-deliver it to your priest.

As the body of Christ, we must work together to ensure everyone who provides guidance, counsel, and pastoral care has the right resources readily available! Anglicans For Life is here to help you serve our Lord for Life!

For His Glory,



EACH KIT INCLUDES:

1. Aging and Dying Booklet.
2. Five Reasons to Resist Assisted Suicide Card
3. ACNA Cannon card
4. Prevent the One Brochure
5. What's So Bad About Abortion Brochure
6. Men, Myths, and Abortion Brochure
7. I Had an Abortion and Need Help Brochure
8. Important Life Resources Guide Handout
9. Silent No More Referral Card
10. Let's Chat Info page



Fellow believers catching up at the ACNA Assembly in June...

*Pictured above:
Dcn. Jimmy Chua, Canon Georgette Forney,
Dr. David Beers and Dean Bryan Hollan.*

*Pictured below:
AFL Board Member, Lesley Hackman,
Canon Georgette Forney,
Melinda and Fr. Eric Cosentino*



Ministry News

AFL EMBRACES NEW LOCATION

As you may have heard, Anglicans For Life recently moved our headquarters from Leetsdale, PA to Ambridge, PA. We are very excited about this new location and very happy to be in the Ambridge community that hosts many Anglican ministries.

On September 4, 2024, AFL welcomed our Board of Directors to the new office for a board meeting and office blessing that was done by Board Member, The Rt. Rev. Derek Jones. We give God all the praise and glory for this blessed space on the campus of Trinity Anglican Seminary and we invite you to stop by when you are in town!

This special Collect and Preface was written by Bp. Jones for the occasion and can be used during Sanctity of Life Sunday, and any other time that a life-affirming message (other than Feast Days) is being given.

THE CHAPLAIN'S PREFACE & COLLECT FOR ANGLICANS FOR LIFE

Because in sending your beloved Son into the world for our redemption through the womb of Mary, we can, with confidence know, that all life, from the moment of conception, is sacred; created with intention and purpose in the splendor and beauty of your image.

Almighty God, You impart your breath of life into every child formed in their mother's womb; grant, we pray, that the fire you have kindled in us to manifest compassion and mercy remain steadfast as we labor to care, protect, and safeguard all life. By the leading of your Holy Spirit, guide your Church to be resolute stewards of all your creation, and especially to those, yet unborn, created in your image at the moment of conception. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Above: AFL's Board of Directors . Left to Right: Rt. Rev. Derek Jones; Ed Speare; Tom Hay; Lesley Hackman; Greg Plizga; and AFL President, Georgette Forney.



The Rt. Rev'd Derek Jones blessing AFL's new office.



BABY SHOWER TOTALS AND UPDATES

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's World's Largest Baby Shower. We enjoyed seeing your pictures, reading your comments and inventory lists, and seeing how the Lord is working in your church to come alongside new moms and their babies. We will be hosting this event next year, so please **start planning early**. The Shower will once again run from April until June and benefit women facing unplanned, crisis, and new pregnancies. To watch the initiative recap video, go to AnglicansForLife.org/baby-shower or scan the QR code below.



725
packs of wipes



47,835
diapers



\$15,000+
cash & giftcards



2,187
baby clothes



Scan the QR
code to watch.

Leadership Updates



WELCOME NEW LIFE LEADERS, AND LIFE-AFFIRMING CHURCHES!

NEW LIFE LEADER

Valerie Rich, Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Plainville CT

NEW LIFE-AFFIRMING CHURCH

Holy Trinity, Hudson Falls NY



LIFE LEADER UPDATES

Student Life Leader Priscilla Stata, along with her family, organized 48 people from Holy Trinity Anglican Church, and International Anglican Church (23 were kids) to participate in the local Walk for Life event. As a team, the two churches raised \$8,220. Priscilla also hosted a table with Anglicans For Life resources!

Editor's Note

Newly ordained Deacon Leighton Ryder is an AFL Life Leader and was asked to pray at the Madison, WI March for Life recently. His prayer is below:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for this day and for the purpose that you have called us to. In Your Gospel, Your Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ, made a ministry devoted to those who are suffering, vulnerable, or meek. Would you help us today and all the days of our lives to imitate Christ. Would you help us to advocate for and protect the unborn, would you help us to support mothers and fathers, would you help us to love and care for those who are in adoption and foster care systems, and to serve and nurture the elderly.

Heavenly Father, I thank you and pray for all mothers and fathers, especially those mothers and fathers who bore children in times of crisis or doubt. I thank you for Your Holy Spirit inspiring bravery in them and a willingness to choose life in times of hardness.

I also pray for all women who have experienced abortions and grieve over them. I pray that they know Your forgiveness is abundant and everlasting, never ending. You are a God who is near to the broken-hearted and the crushed in spirit and there is neither life nor death, nor angels, nor demons, nor heights above nor depths below that separate them from the love you have in Jesus Christ.

Finally Father, I pray for all abortionists, pro-euthanasia physicians, pro-choice politicians, and all those who are gathered against us not only today but in our lives. Have mercy upon them, Father, and allow Your Holy Spirit to convict their hearts of the life destroying work that they do and bring them to repentance.



Above: Part of the team that participated in the walk.

Jesus, guide us. Jesus, protect us. Jesus, empower us. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, AMEN.



Deacon Leighton Ryder with friends and family at the Wisconsin March for Life where he shared his prayer.

Leadership Updates



CHAPTER NEWS

Emmaus Anglican Church, Castle Rock, CO

Chapter Leaders Scott Gough and Deacon Deborah Robbins shared this report for the Emmaus Anglican Church AFL Chapter that had its bi-monthly meeting on the topic of a new program called "Promising Future."

"Promising Future" is a course of study aimed at teens to prepare them to make wise and healthy decisions regarding premarital sex. The curriculum is designed to provide social and emotional learning with a basis and foundation on Scripture. It is abstinence-based but sexuality, though obviously important, is just a small piece of the whole.

Fr. Theron Walker, Deacon Deborah Robbins and parishioner Mary Renton have been trained to be class leaders and facilitators. Scott reported that they will start by providing the course to their own teens; however, they intend to reach out beyond their church family by inviting teens from their community to participate in future classes.

Alternatives Pregnancy Center, with whom they have a very close relationship, designed and developed the course, and produced not only a parochial curriculum which they will use, but also a secular curriculum that can be used in public schools.

Deacon Deborah said, "they are excited to be able to provide this course for their own young people, and equally enthused to invite teens from around their community to attend in the future!"

Church of the Resurrection

Matt Hackmann, Chapter Leader for the COR Life Chapter at Church of the Resurrection in Chesterfield, Missouri hosted speaker Tiffany DeLapp from Hand 'n Hand Women's Center. Tiffany gave her personal testimony, spoke of Hand 'n Hand's outreach to women and girls in crisis and of other like efforts in the greater Saint Louis area. She also spoke about the abortion industry's proposed amendment to Missouri's constitution. An amendment which if passed will strip away all of Missouri's standing life affirming laws and protections. It was a very powerful evening with everyone engaged in the topic.

Church of Our Saviour Oatlands

Susan Herbert, Chapter Leader reported that students who attend Church of Our Saviour, from Patrick Henry College raised \$3,000 for their local Pregnancy Resource Center. Susan's husband Jim was inspired by the students and conducted a baby bottle campaign for the same PRC from Mother's Day to Father's Day and raised \$1,763.



Above: Emmaus Anglican Church's Chapter leaders and members at a recent meeting.

Below: Church of the Resurrections' Chapter welcomed Tiffany DeLapp from Hand n' Hand Women's Center to give her testimony and discuss their outreach efforts.



IN MEMORY

- Susan Austin made a donation in honor of Connie Polite.
- Esther Clark made a donation in memory of her husband, The Rev. Jack Clark.

JOURNEY TO RJ

Roger and Stephanie Poorman, Anglican Adoption Fund Grant Recipients



On Wednesday, June 26, we received an email about a baby boy born in Florida on June 8. He was born a little early and was in the NICU, waiting for a family to adopt him. We waited anxiously over the weekend to find out whether or not we might be chosen. The following Wednesday, July 3rd, we received the call that changed our lives forever. By the following Monday, July 8, we had taken legal custody of him; by that Friday, July 12, we were back home together in Pittsburgh. A process that had officially started 620 days before we took custody began and ended in two and a half weeks when it was all said and done: it was, as a friend of Stephanie's once said, simultaneously the longest and shortest pregnancy ever.

On paper, it might look like our adoption journey was pretty easy. However, those 620 days saw plenty of disappointments and heartaches along the way. We had two exceptionally painful disruptions, one especially egregious because of the

fraud perpetrated against us. Friends and family prayed and loved us through every step of the way; they grieved with us in our losses and encouraged us with reminders of truth. They gave generously to our puzzle fundraiser and to our Both Hands project. Our church family was especially supportive as they

“**We are forever grateful to Anglicans For Life for the role they played in bringing him [RJ] home.**

prayed intentionally and specifically for us and over us. We simply could not have endured without such a rich community lifting us up.

In it all, we have learned to trust in the Lord more deeply. He has proved His faithfulness over and over. He has sustained us when we've been weary, cast down, and sorrowful. He has shown us how to trust in His goodness,

especially in the midst of circumstances that are anything but good. He has reminded us over and over again that He is for us and He cares for us. We have learned lessons we never would have learned in an easy adoption process, lessons we will teach our son and we pray they will have Kingdom impact for generations to come.

We are still figuring out our new life as a family of three, and we both have moments where this still doesn't quite feel real. We have gone from pleading with God to add a baby to our family to praising and thanking Him for all He's done to bring THIS baby, our son, to our family. We are forever grateful to Anglicans For Life for the role they played in bringing him home; adoption is costly in many ways, but for us, the financial cost never stood in the way of moving forward. That is an incredible gift, and a testimony to the values and priorities of the ACNA. Thank you.



Interested in donating to the fund so more couples can receive grants? Looking to apply for a grant?

Learn more at AnglicansForLife.org/AAF

Topics: Adoption



ADOPTION MONTH

November is National Adoption Month. In previous years, the Christian Alliance for Orphans (CAFO) recognized Orphan Sunday and Stand Sunday in the month of November in an effort to raise awareness of the needs of orphans and children in foster care, while encouraging and equipping churches to help meet those needs. This year, November 10 will be recognized as "Pure Religion Sunday" in place of Orphan and Stand Sunday. To learn more about Pure Religion Sunday, you can visit cafo.org/purereigion/pure-religion-sunday.

GET PREPARED AND GET INVOLVED

During the month of October, Anglicans For Life will be sharing a variety of resources on our website on our social media accounts so that you and your church, family, and community can get involved and make a difference for life. Below are a few of the activities we will be discussing over the next month that you can explore to make a difference:

Anglican Adoption Fund

Make a donation to, or raise money for, the Anglican Adoption Fund, which helps Anglican families with the costs associated with adoption. To learn more, visit AnglicansForLife.org/AAF.

The Suitcase Bundle Program

Support vulnerable children in the foster care system, by partnering with Focus on the Family's Suitcase Bundle Program, which provides brand new suitcases, teddy bears, Bibles, and handwritten letters to children and youth in the foster care system. To learn more, visit WaitNoMore.org/suitcases.

CarePortal

Sign up with CarePortal, which helps connect churches to the needs of families caring for vulnerable children in their communities. If CarePortal is in your community, learn more about how you and/or your church can get involved here [link to: <https://www.careportal.org>]. If you'd like to bring CarePortal to your community, visit CarePortal.org/partner-with-us.

The Well

Partner with the Well, an initiative from Lifeline Children's Services, which meets the physical needs of women experiencing unexpected pregnancies. To learn more about supporting the Well, visit LifeLineChild.org/the-well.

Protecting God's Children



HAVE YOU JOINED OUR FACEBOOK GROUP?

The "Protecting God's Children" group is for anyone who is part of an Anglican church who has experience, or an interest, in ministry related to adoption, foster care, family preservation, or international orphan care. Whether you're an adoptive parent, foster parent, adult adoptee, foster care alumnus, have experience working with overseas orphanages, or more, or if you merely want to learn more about how you and your church can care for and protect God's most vulnerable children, we'd love to get to know you. **Scan the QR code to join the group.**



JOIN US IN PRAYER

AFL Adoption Prayer

Lord God, we thank you that all life is made in Your image and as we acknowledge the needs of orphans this day, we pray You would reveal Jesus as Lord and Savior to them and those who care for them. May all children be treated with respect, and allowed to grow up in loving homes, but especially for those whose families of origin have been broken, provide protection and caring homes, so they know Your loving provision for them. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, work supernaturally in their hearts to heal the losses and traumas they have faced, so they are freed to become the people You created them to be. Protect them also from all who might intend them harm. We pray too, for the birth parents, and families of origin, console their mother and father hearts as they grieve the separation from their children. Reunite where possible and encourage our culture to embrace the blessing of adoption, and foster care to help both children and parents. May our adoption into Your family inspire us to care for orphans.

All this we pray in Jesus' Name, Amen.

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PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER CHAPLAINCY

T. Leighton Ryder, Dcn.

In the field of Christian chaplain ministry, we often think of chaplaincy in the following environments; in the military where the chaplain belongs to a unit and provides spiritual care to soldiers who are on base; in hospitals where the chaplain makes their visitation rounds providing spiritual comfort to patients who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity; lastly, in prisons where the chaplain is invigorating faith in the prisoners, absolving them of their sins, and baptizing them. These are only a few of many applications where chaplain ministry can be facilitated because chaplaincy is a ministry of mission. Which is to say where there is a mission there can be chaplaincy. Yet, there are still places in the North American mission field that are unreached by chaplaincy, especially that prioritize the sanctity of life.

Sanctity of life ministry typically falls within the healthcare field and advocates for the dignity of all human life, but especially for all vulnerable human life. This charism intentionally focuses on serving patients, staff, and family who find themselves within hospital care, dementia care, hospice care, and so on. However, these kinds of chaplain roles focus on providing pastoral care and support to those patients who are experiencing some form of injury, whether mental, physical or emotional. What is less obvious in sanctity of life chaplaincy, is ministry provided to women and men who find themselves in a crisis pregnancy. Such ministry opportunities are just as important to provide as any other healthcare ministry because the health and safety of the mother, father, and baby are all at risk and in need of pastoral support.

The role of a pregnancy resource center (PRC) is to provide the mother and father with accessible resources and care to help encourage the parent(s) to make the decision to not abort their baby. These organizations offer parents an immense number of accessible resources through educational material, swaddling & hygiene supplies, and ultrasounds. While these pregnancy resource centers are staffed with highly capable nurses, doctors, and counselors, there is less of a pastoral presence in each center. However, just as chaplains are essential in the military, hospitals, and prisons for the spiritual well-being of the people in those places, so too is the pastoral presence essential in environments such as PRCs; this is because the pastoral presence of a chaplain offers spiritual care and support to all in a way that health care professionals cannot provide.

There are three roles to the concept of a chaplain in a PRC. The first is the residential role. A unique characteristic of chaplains that differentiates them from church pastors is that they are found resident at the place of their ministry every day. The military chaplain is found on base available for soldiers, the hospital

chaplain is found at the hospital available for patients, and the prison chaplain is found at the prison available for prisoners. In the same way, a PRC chaplain would be found at the pregnancy resource center for mothers, fathers, family, or staff. While there, they can be available for any kind of pastoral care or support required of them such as offering comfort, giving spiritual guidance, and helping the staff to decompress. It could also fall within the chaplain's capacity to facilitate bible studies and small groups for families and staff. Within the family scope, such a bible study could provide the opportunity to bring couples in crisis pregnancy together who are able to share their experiences and offer encouragement to one another.

The second aspect of the PRC chaplain is the remote role. The remote role consists of the chaplain being available for the parent(s) throughout the pregnancy. This means making stops for visitation to check in on the parent(s), bringing any required resources, and helping to connect the parent(s) with a more stable community of support; ideally this means the chaplain would help to find a church community for the parent(s) to join.

The final role of a PRC chaplain is the sacramental role. The overall role of the pregnancy resource center chaplain is to help care for and support the mother and father through the pregnancy from confirmation of pregnancy to baptism. From confirmation means that the chaplain is available for ministry to a crisis pregnancy from the moment the parent(s) learn they are expecting a child until the baby is baptized. Baptism suggests the family carried the baby through pregnancy, has a church community, and a faith that ensures the baby's spiritual needs are cared for.

Chaplains are sent to a variety of mission fields within North America whether it is military bases, hospitals, or prisons. While there, they are depended upon by the people to provide pastoral care, the sacraments, and the gospel. However, while there is a variety of chaplain roles available to people in need of a pastoral care, this ministry is less available for women and men who need spiritual guidance when going through a crisis pregnancy. I do not think this is because the need for spiritual support is lacking, but because chaplains do not realize the opportunity for ministry. The chaplain in a pregnancy resource center has the opportunity to share the gospel with mothers and fathers who may not have heard it, be Christ-like to them during their pregnancy, and see the child raised in the Church.

If God protected and cared for Mary and Joseph while she was pregnant with our Lord, ought chaplains also protect and care for all mothers and fathers in a similar way?

Topics: Abortion

A FUTURE OF LIFE: HOW YOU CAN HELP HER PLAN

Chaney Mullins Gooley, Her PLAN

False claims about pro-life support for women and infants are all too commonplace. Supposedly, we don't care about serving women, only passing pro-life laws. Supposedly, we don't care about babies after they are born, we are only "pro-birth". Supposedly, we don't care about the woman and her future, but only care that she doesn't abort her baby.

These accusations are now, and have always been, entirely untrue. In this post-*Dobbs* era, we are as committed as ever to help them both – mom and baby – before and after birth. We want to continue to grow the safety net so when moms turn to life instead of abortion, the pro-life movement is ready to receive them.

That is what Her PLAN - a project of Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America - is all about. In 29 states, Her PLAN offers a directory of resources that help pregnant and parenting women and families in their communities. Resources include support during pregnancy, birth, postpartum, and until a child turns 2. Many organizations serve even further. Together these resources address the medical, social, and material needs that might otherwise cause a woman to resort to abortion.

This directory connects otherwise siloed providers, helping them connect their clients to specific help they need. Providers are organized across seven categories of care, selected to address the reasons why women have abortions. The categories are: Care Coordination and Pregnancy Support; Women's Health; Finances, Work, and Education; Material or Legal Support; Recovery and Mental Health; Prenatal Diagnosis; and Care for Children.

Far from the trope that pro-lifers care merely at the moment of a pregnancy decision, the Her PLAN Directory reflects the ongoing care offered through pregnancy centers, maternity homes, adoption agencies, food banks, legal clinics, prenatal care, life-skills classes, addiction recovery homes, counseling centers, medical practices, and so much more. No one organization can do it all but by working together, organizations ensure that women and babies can get their needs met. This is how we live out the Help Them Both philosophy!

Her PLAN operates in Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, **Florida**, **Georgia**, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, **Missouri**, Montana, **Nebraska**, **North Carolina**, North Dakota, **Ohio**, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, **Tennessee**, **Texas**, Utah, **Virginia**, **West Virginia**, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

The states listed above in bold, Her PLAN has local staff who help interested churches of all denominations meet unmet needs in their community. Send us a message at herplan.org/contact to connect with Her PLAN staff in your state. No matter where you live, you are welcome to **download the Pathways to Life Guide** at herplan.org/national-pathways-to-life to learn about ways your church can be more engaged in serving women and young children.



Mission or community care programs offered in Anglican parishes qualify as an assistance provider and should enroll in the Her PLAN Directory. Examples of church programs that qualify include food banks, benevolence funds, adoption or foster family support, addiction recovery like Alcoholics Anonymous or Celebrate Recovery, single mom support groups like Embrace Grace, and other support groups. **If that's you, enroll at directory.herplan.org/enroll!**

We need your help to get the word out! **If you are any of the 29 Her PLAN states, check out your local directory on directory.herplan.org/signup, and if you see resources missing, email us at info@herplan.org to suggest we add them.**



Editor's Note

Chaney Mullins Gooley is the Her PLAN Provider Support Manager, and the first hire for the project. She worships with her husband at Christ the King Anglican Church in Alexandria, VA. Chaney was recently featured on AFL's Zoom for Life call – you can view her presentation by scanning the QR code or visiting [Youtu.be/3RYvKSc4_04](https://youtu.be/3RYvKSc4_04)

Scan the QR code to watch





WORDS *DO* MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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For many people, when they hear the word abortion, it can trigger a visceral response. Is it because of what abortion is and does to a vulnerable, unborn baby that is growing within the safety of his or her mother's womb? Abortion is a heinous action and while folks support it, the majority seem to prefer using other words in referring to it.

When we use euphemisms like "reproductive freedom" or "reproductive rights," we are allowing the awfulness of abortion to be glossed over and substituted with positive, good words like freedoms and rights. "Exercising my reproductive right" sounds much nicer than, "I chose to abort my baby."

This, once again, reminds us of the importance of words. When we use the wrong words to describe a despicable action, people can be fooled into thinking they support something good, when in reality if you support "reproductive freedom" and "reproductive rights," you are supporting the dismemberment or poisoning of an unborn baby in the safety of the womb.

From Genesis to Revelation, God's word teaches us to affirm, protect and honor the sacredness of life. Acknowledging the value of life requires us to also recognize that anything that threatens an innocent life is evil. Abortion destroys a life with great potential, not a potential life!

The value of human life is based in our creation by God and in our redemption through Jesus. "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own, you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your body." (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). Our lives have value not because they are ours, but because they are His! For this reason, we must live our lives giving glory to God and living in His statutes and honoring the gift that life is. In this way, Scripture contradicts the "my body, my choice" and "reproductive freedom and rights" slogans.

Because our lives have value in Him, we as His people are called to protect and honor all life. The clearest evidence of this is in the commandment, "You shall not murder." (Exodus 20:13) But even earlier, in the book of Genesis, God declares that the spilling of man's blood is inherently wrong, due to our status as God's beloved creation: "Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made man." (Genesis 9:6)

Society, in general, believes that murder is wrong. However, Scriptures show that "valuing" life goes beyond avoiding the act of killing. Honoring the sacredness of life means serving those in need and sharing the love of God. Christ demonstrates how we should do this: "For I was hungry, and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty, and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in... Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for Me." (Matthew 25:41-45)



"REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS" IN OTHER WORDS...

- Reproductive rights tell a woman she is weak and can't handle motherhood.
- Reproductive rights create a wedge between the mother and her unborn child.
- Exercising your reproductive freedom is an act of violence upon an unborn child.
- Reproductive freedom for a women equals the death penalty for an unborn baby.
- Reproductive freedom tells a woman she can't because she is weak, while motherhood empowers her to be strong.
- Abortion "is not health care," it "is the extermination of a human being."
- Remember, reproductive freedom is a euphamism for abortion on demand.
- Killing an unborn child in the womb is NOT a basic human right.

Being a Life-Affirming Christian means more than opposing death—it means serving those who are hurting, lonely, and broken. It means caring for the “least of these,”—the unborn, the homeless, the single mothers, the elderly, and the handicapped. Because our lives are valuable to God, so theirs must be to us.



Valuing life also means that we speak honestly with one another about the Sanctity of Life. This is especially important in this election season when euphemisms, misinformation, and outright lies are being left unchecked or incorrectly fact checked.

Here at Anglicans For Life, we have decided to intentionally highlight the truth behind this election season’s favorite phrases, “reproductive freedom” and “reproductive rights.” We are featuring women’s testimonies from the Silent No More Awareness Campaign, that AFL is co-sponsor of, with “reproductive freedom” and “reproductive rights” slogans in special videos that challenge the definition of these phrases. The goal is to help people see past the nice euphemisms to the reality of what abortion is and does, not only to the baby, but also to the woman involved.


We encourage you to use the QR code below to access the videos and share them on your social media.

We have also come up with a number of statements and questions that you can use on social media, that clarify what is meant when “reproductive freedom” and “reproductive rights” are used. You can find these on the right side of this page and the previous page.

For example, reproductive freedom for a woman equals the death penalty for an unborn baby.

My prayer is that as people read these statements, they will be challenged to think independently about the real meaning of the words and the truths being stated. My fear is that as long as abortion is available and legal, women will keep buying the lie that we are simply exercising our freedoms and rights. We have to help both the women who seek an abortion and also those supporting abortion to realize the words are a lie and killing our children is never the right thing to do.

The next time you hear or read the euphemisms “reproductive freedom” or “reproductive rights,” I encourage you to ask for clarification. “You mean abortion and the dismemberment of innocent little babies who can feel pain by 14 weeks?”

 Visit AnglicansForLife.org/Advocacy to view the Reproductive Freedom videos or scan the QR code.



- Reproductive freedom oppresses the rights of an unborn baby through violence.
- Exercising your reproductive freedom is a nice way of saying you aborted your unborn child.
- Reproductive rights give women the freedom to pay someone to dismember their unborn baby.
- Exercising your reproductive freedom shouldn't result in the death of another human being.
- Supporting reproductive freedom equates to celebrating the killing of vulnerable, unborn babies.
- Abortion pills give women reproductive freedom to poison their unborn child and flush them down the toilet.
- Abortion pills leave women susceptible to emotional trauma, intense physical pain and extensive bleeding. How is this empowering for women?
- Abortion pills turn the pregnant woman into the abortionist and her bathroom into the abortion clinic in the name of exercising her reproductive freedom.
- Abortion pills contaminate our water in the name of reproductive rights.

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5. Joining AFL's prayer team & receive daily prayers you can pray.

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LIFE SUMMIT 2025 HIATUS

AFL will NOT be hosting a Life SUMMIT 2025 in January. Our team felt it was time to re-evaluate how and when we do this important event. While we are not hosting the SUMMIT, the Friday morning Prayer & Worship Service will still take place at 9:30am at the Falls Church Anglican, in Falls Church, VA. Afterwards the bus will deliver us to the March for Life. You can purchase a bus ticket to travel to the March and back to the Falls Church Anglican with AFL. Visit ShopAFL.org/busticket2025 to purchase your tickets.

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