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AFLC 'Journey' Newsletter #8
Sanctity of Life Sunday

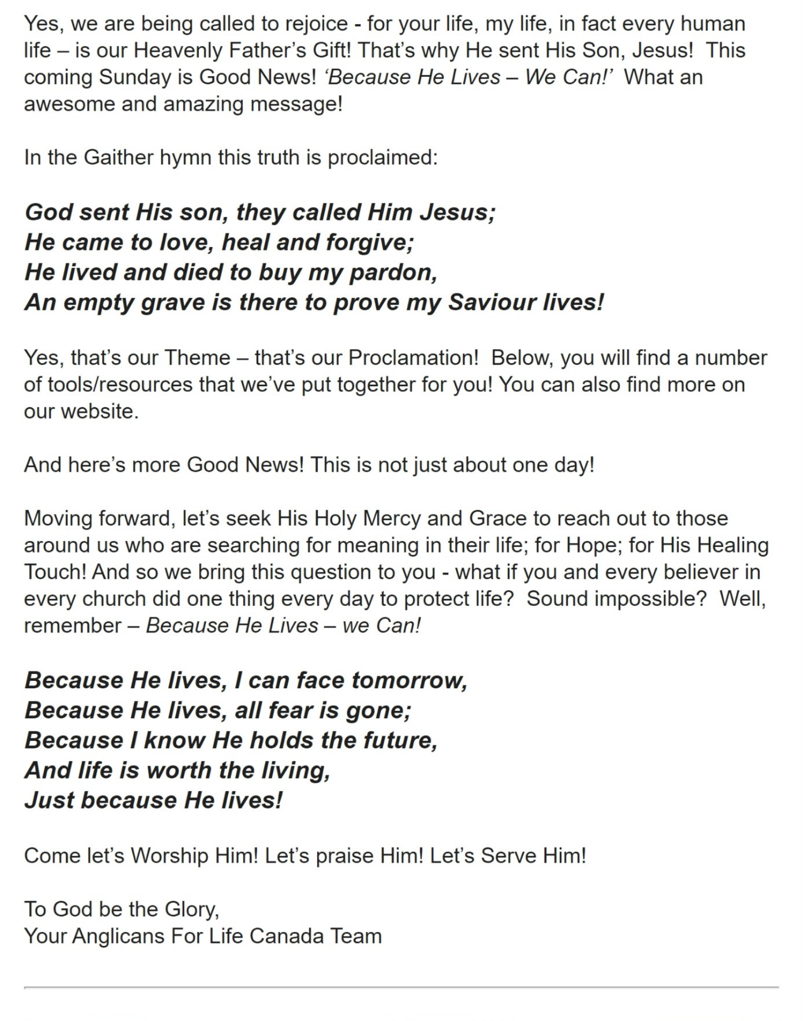
April 29, 2021

Sanctity of Life Sunday May 2, 2021!

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

In the midst of the chaos of COVID-19 restrictions and the ever increasing stress upon every aspect of our lives, Sanctity of Life Sunday becomes more important! Right now, this Third Wave of the pandemic is ravaging the lives of so many individuals and families.

As members of Christian communities, across Canada, we need to continue turning to our Living Lord in prayer and seeking practical ways to be His hands and feet in motion! We need to be actively demonstrating His Love as 'spiritual medics'!



Yes, we are being called to rejoice - for your life, my life, in fact every human life – is our Heavenly Father's Gift! That's why He sent His Son, Jesus! This coming Sunday is Good News! *'Because He Lives – We Can!'* What an awesome and amazing message!

In the Gaither hymn this truth is proclaimed:

God sent His son, they called Him Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Saviour lives!

Yes, that's our Theme – that's our Proclamation! Below, you will find a number of tools/resources that we've put together for you! You can also find more on our website.

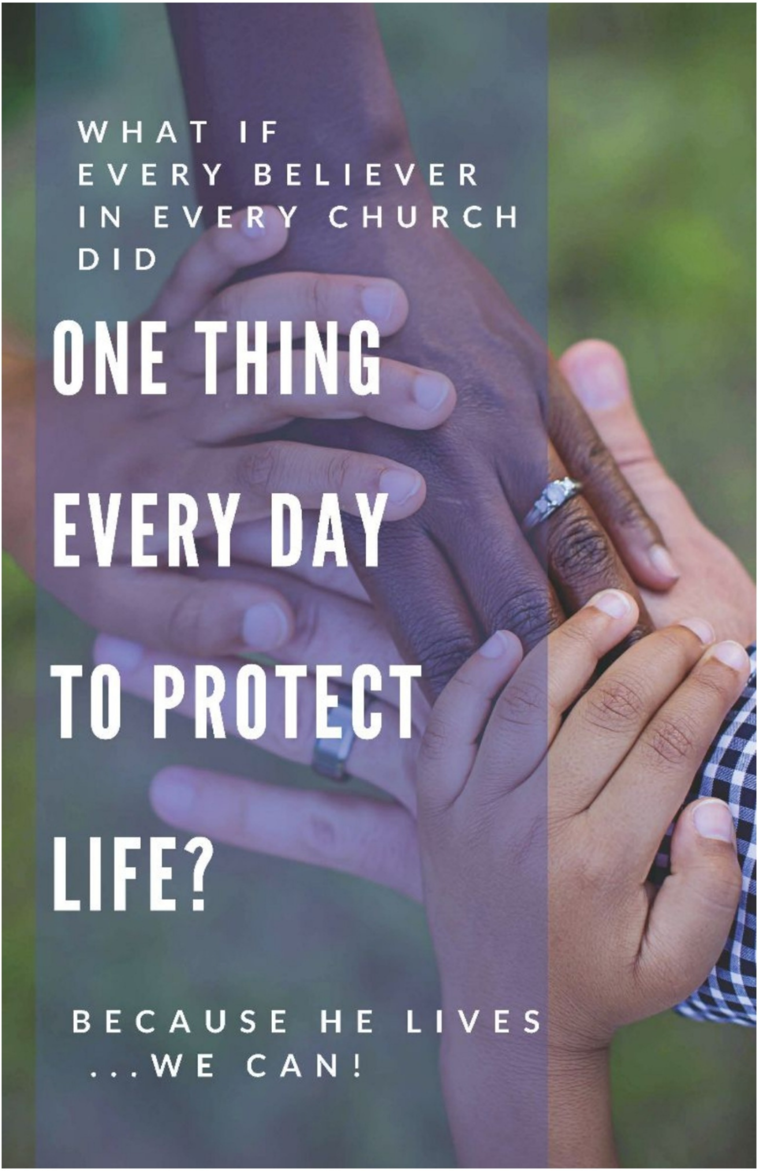
And here's more Good News! This is not just about one day!

Moving forward, let's seek His Holy Mercy and Grace to reach out to those around us who are searching for meaning in their life; for Hope; for His Healing Touch! And so we bring this question to you - what if you and every believer in every church did one thing every day to protect life? Sound impossible? Well, remember – *Because He Lives – we Can!*

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!

Come let's Worship Him! Let's praise Him! Let's Serve Him!

To God be the Glory,
Your Anglicans For Life Canada Team



WHAT IF
EVERY BELIEVER
IN EVERY CHURCH
DID

ONE THING EVERY DAY TO PROTECT LIFE?

BECAUSE HE LIVES
...WE CAN!

BECAUSE HE LIVES
Gaither Song

Specially performed by the Goodwins

for Sanctity of Life Sunday

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Just because He lives!

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance:
This child can face uncertain days because He Lives!

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!

And then one day, I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then, as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives!

MERCY AND GRACE INFUSION
M.A.G.I.
FOR LIFE

We can give pregnant women:

- Courage to give birth to their babies
- Knowledge that adoption is a real option
- Confidence that they will have the provisions they need during and after pregnancy
- The assurance they are not alone

We can:

- share His Truth that Every life is valuable.

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,

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Because I know He holds the future,

And life is worth the living,

Just because He lives!

Video with Lyrics
Gaither Song: **Because He Lives**
Performed by John, Jane & John Matthew Goodwin
(www.worshipwithus.ca)
LINK:
https://youtu.be/vhmy-6VVIQE

- share His Mercy and Grace with each person we meet.
- be spiritual medics bringing Christ's compassionate care to the terminally ill, mentally ill, elderly and lonely.
- share that all lives are precious and no person is a burden or forgotten or "better off dead".
- share the Way, the Truth and the Life to eternal Life!

BECAUSE HE LIVES ...WE CAN!

by Rev. Dr. Mark McDermott

AFLC Chaplain

". . . the doors being shut for fear of the Jews came Jesus and stood among them and said, "Peace be unto you." Fear is a biological implant, preparing us for defensive action when our life is threatened. To preserve our life, depending on what species we are, we will stand still, change colour, flee or aggressively attack (there are others!).

Unfortunately for the human species too often fear simply means impotent paralysis, serving no life preserving purpose at all. We passively wait for Whatever It Is to devour us! This was certainly the situation of the disciples on Easter Day, they were overwhelmed by the death of Jesus and, unlike the women, took no action whatsoever. Sadly this is not unlike the situation of many Christians today. Be it COVID isolation, actions by the state, or social conventions, we just hunker down and wait for Our Fate.

But the risen Jesus, as He did with the disciples, stands among us and says, “Peace,” which means Well Being, Courage, All is Well! And as He did with the disciples, He breathes upon us, and the Rest Is History! And as Scripture says, “then were the disciples glad when they saw the Lord,” and the world changed as a result.

As I said, we certainly have reason to be overwhelmed by events we thought impossible a generation ago or even a year ago. Certainly in the area of Life Issues, abortion or euthanasia seems the only way out for some frightened people. They accept death as the solution.

But Jesus, not death, is the Saviour. He by the power of the Holy Spirit changes us, preserves and enhances human life and enables us to deal with and celebrate the true gift of life. So let us be of good cheer, keep the Faith, and encourage the faint-hearted.

We at AFLC have some programs to help keep Fear at bay, and we commend them to your attention, particularly at this time. Christians with the courage and purpose of the Risen Christ are the antidote for this time, and no waiting is necessary!

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Digging Deeper for Sanctity of Life Sunday

Developed for God’s

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Purpose of connecting, equipping and empowering Christians as the body of Christ, to uphold the sanctity of human life.

As our lives have been infused with His Mercy and Grace, He is calling us to action.

M.A.G.I. & Spiritual Medics

Infuse *His Mercy and Grace by:*

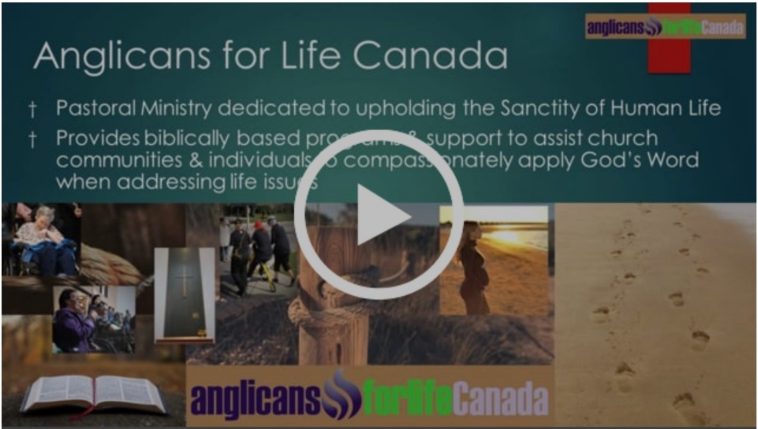
- **inviting** biblically grounded discussions in our faith communities about the hard questions of life.
- **investing** to infuse prayer, and bible study into daily living; individuals and communities can be better equipped spiritual medics and Life Affirming Churches.
- **investing** in excellent and relevant resources and programs to better understand the local, national and worldwide life situations through a biblical world view.

Infuse *His Mercy and Grace into human life from conception to natural death by:*

M.A.G.I. Video Introduction:

Homepage: www.anglicansforlifecanada.com

Vimeo: https://vimeo.com/538816910



Anglicans for Life Canada

- Pastoral Ministry dedicated to upholding the Sanctity of Human Life
- Provides biblically based programs & support to assist church communities & individuals to compassionately apply God's Word when addressing life issues

M.A.G.I. Introduction Video

MORE RESOURCES for Sanctity of Life Sunday

Your worship time is unique to you and your congregation! We pray that these resources may be a blessing as you get ready to celebrate Life!
Here are the highlights - follow the links to receive the full texts.

Please note that all these resources are available on the AFLC website.
http://anglicansforlifecanada.com

SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Scripture Readings: The Bible is Overflowing with Life!
- More Old & New Testament Verses: AFL "Back to Basics" Life-Affirming Scripture

https://www.anglicansforlifecanada.com/scripture-readings/

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

- For those suffering from COVID-19
- For Front Line Workers
- For Trust and Confidence
- Prayer for Life (Anglicans for Life)
- Make Us Instruments of Your Peace

https://www.anglicansforlifecanada.com/prayers/

INTERCESSIONS

- Sample Intercession
- Intercession for Life

https://www.anglicansforlifecanada.com/intercession/

Past THEME/HOMILY Suggestions

- You've Got MAiL - You Are Not Alone! You Are Loved!
- COVID-19 Phrases - That The Church Said First!
- A Different and Beautiful Life
- What Could Different Look Like

https://www.anglicansforlifecanada.com/theme-homily/

Ron Bales

Promoted to Glory

April 24, 2021

As we celebrate Sanctity of Life Sunday, we thank our Heavenly Father for Ron's life. Ron was a dear brother in Christ and colleague to many of us at Anglicans for Life Canada. As a volunteer financial consultant, he offered many hours of encouragement and expertise. With his warm and gentle manner, he proclaimed his Love for the Lord and his commitment to upholding the sanctity of each human life! All to God's Glory! We also offer our prayers for Ron's wife, Pam and their family as they journey through this time of mourning.

In God's Holy Mercy & Grace,
The Anglicans for Life Canada Team

Important Message From
Anglicans For Life Canada Board of Directors & National Director

NATIONAL
MARCH
FOR LIFE

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

As our concern is for the safety and health of all participants, and the restrictions for mass group gatherings will likely continue well into the year, we have had to make the following decisions:

Physical March for Life - Countrywide

- ***AFLC will not be officially participating in any of the physical gatherings, either in Ottawa or any sites across Canada.***
- Of course, ***individuals are free to choose to participate***, ***but*** *are* ***not given permission to carry any AFLC signs or advertise/promote under the AFLC name/logo/banner.***

Virtual March for Life

- In the effort to avoid any confusion, regarding the physical and the virtual official participation of AFLC, the board has decided that it is best that ***AFLC not officially participate in the virtual March for Life*** either.
- Of course, ***individuals are free to choose to participate***, ***but*** *are* ***not given permission to do so under the AFLC name/logo/banner.***

Please be assured that our commitment and pastoral ministry to upholding the Sanctity of Life continues.

In His Holy Peace,
Vicky Hedelius
National Director
anglicansforlifeCanada

The Mission of Upholding The Sanctity of Human Life Continues. That's Why....

- We're continuing to update our website with important Life Affirming information and resources regarding Life from before birth to natural death. Website: http://www.anglicansforlifecanada.com
- Now ***Embrace the Journey Program*** is available to purchase in both booklet and digital formats at: https://www.anglicansforlifecanada.com/shopping/

Please Consider DONATING to this Life Affirming Charitable Ministry. While AFLC is operated 100% by volunteers, there are ongoing operational expenses that require financial support.

Taxation receipts will be issued if a name and address is given.

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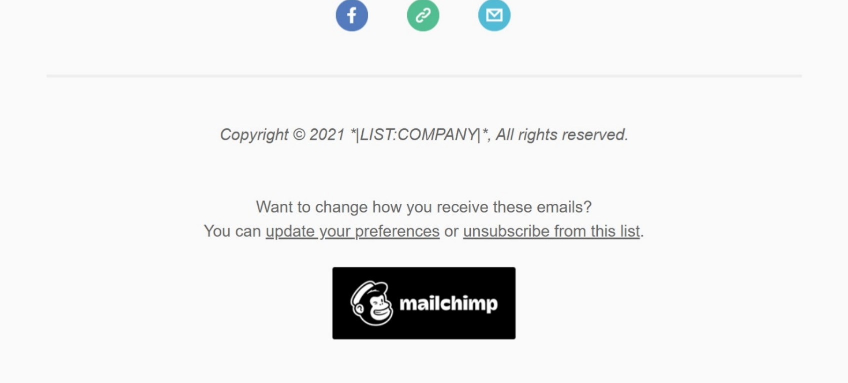

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