

SEMI-ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

“FROM THE WOMB TO THE TOMB”

Greetings!

October is *Respect Life Month*. We are all called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. Every human life matters.

Being Pro-Life does not only mean defending and protecting the life of an unborn child in the womb, [it] also means continuous advocacy for the child once it is born. Being pro-life means upholding the dignity of the human person at all stages of life – from the womb to the tomb. Yes, abortion is wrong, and you can debate that statement all day, every day, but so is neglecting and abusing a child, adult, a senior, people with disabilities and mental health issues.

As a society, we have failed each other. We may or may not outright admit it, but many of us have taken the position that it truly is about “my four and no more.” We give up on each other so quickly, heck, we give up on loved one’s even quicker. Life is tough and challenging, but I can say this with certainty, if a person is still breathing, he or she has worth and value.

As I reflect on the passing of Queen Elizabeth, II, I am intrigued and amazed by the life she led. She was not perfect, but she understood the importance of a life, so much that she served her people well. On her 21st birthday, she gave a speech about serving others. She said the following: “I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service.” This was a profound statement coming from such a young person, and I believe she did just what she promised. Her death elicited a global outpouring of grief. It was estimated that 4.9 billion people around the world watched and or attended her funeral. Many say her legacy is that she was a unifying figure to the world. But what’s even more amazing is One even greater came NOT to be served but to serve, and He gave His life as a ransom for many. Yes, the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords, the greatest unifier of all time, the giver of all life, Jesus, The Christ. He also taught that each of us should follow Him by denying ourselves of selfish interests to serve others. He is our Ultimate Role Model!

So, as you begin your holiday planning and continue to navigate this life’s course, I ask that you pray and consider how you can serve others, how you can defend and protect those who can’t protect themselves, but mostly how you can love better because love does no wrong to others.

Wishing you and your family a Blessed and Glorious Holiday Season!

April Keese, CEO and Founder of AAFL

Upcoming Events:

November 2022 is National Adoption Month. There are thousands of children who need loving adoptive families. Consider becoming a Foster or Adoptive parent. If interested, please contact your local adoption agency or the nearest Child and Family Services Agency for more information. If you are pregnant and considering placing your baby for adoption, visit our Resources page at:

www.africanamericansforlife.org/resources

January 22, 2023 is National Sanctity of Human Life Day. We celebrate the wonder of human existence and renew our resolve to build a culture of life where every person of every age is protected, valued, and cherished. It is the day we raise our voices against abortion. If you or your Church would like to promote Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, please visit www.sanctitysunday.com for resources.

February 2023 is Heart Awareness Month for heart health in the US with one day set aside as National Wear Red Day to raise awareness of heart disease. If you are interested in ways to celebrate American Heart Month, please visit <https://info.totalwellnesshealth.com/blog/5-ways-to-celebrate-american-heart-month>.

March 2023 is National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Month. An awareness campaign to express support for the ones suffering from cerebral palsy. Cerebral Palsy can occur at birth or in early infancy. Show your support by visiting <https://www.childbirthinjuries.com>.

April 2023 is National Autism Awareness Month. During the month of April, Autism speaks aims to celebrate and promote acceptance for the condition that occurs in one in every 54 children as of 2020 in the US. If you need more information about Autism, please visit <https://www.autismspeaks.org>.

May 2023 is Mental Health Awareness Month. If you are a loved one is living with mental illness and need help or support, please visit www.nami.org/help.

African Americans for Life is a registered, non-profit, Christian pro-life organization. We are passionate about our calling. We exist to educate and raise public awareness about the devastating effects of abortion.