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Canon Georgette Forney Announces Retirement as President of Anglicans For Life

After 28 years of faithful leadership, Forney to step down; search for successor underway

Ambridge, PA — Canon Georgette Forney, President of Anglicans For Life®, today announced her decision to retire from the role she has held since April 1998. A definitive timeline will be announced once the next leader is identified.

“I had hoped to remain in this role until I reached age 72,” Forney said. “But the realities of aging, the changing needs of my family, and the evolving demands of this work, however, now require skills and energies beyond what I can provide. Over the past year I have noticed shifts in my creativity and stamina.

“I believe the time has come for a new leader—someone with a natural grasp of how to communicate with the diverse audiences we are reaching, someone who understands the cultural shifts around the topics Anglicans For Life now addresses and the ways we engage through social media. A fresh perspective and renewed energy will better equip this ministry for the next chapter of its mission in serving the Anglican Communion.”

Forney reflected on nearly three decades of service: “I have loved this work. It has been an extraordinary privilege these past twenty-eight years to lead Anglicans For Life. Serving the Lord for Life in this capacity has shaped me in profound ways: my faith has been strengthened, my knowledge of the Scriptures has deepened, and my understanding of God’s calling on His people and His Church has grown. Most of all, I have been blessed to meet and get to know so many people throughout the United States who recognize the importance of the Church upholding the dignity of life as foundational to our faith.”

Under Forney’s leadership, Anglicans For Life developed key initiatives that equip the Church to protect, honor, and celebrate life, including:

- The Anglican Bioethics Center website
- The Anglican Adoption Fund and Outreach program
- Embrace the Journey and Project Life adult educational curricula
- A comprehensive catalogue of publications, brochures, and resources
- Signature events such as the Life Forum, participation in the March for Life, the World’s Largest Baby Shower, and monthly Zoom for Life webinars
- The AFL Prayer Team and SWAT

- The Silent No More Awareness Campaign
- Abundant Life: You Were Made for More, a youth outreach featuring a monthly podcast, blog, and curriculum

The AFL Board of Directors established a formal Succession Plan several years ago and has begun implementing it. The Board invites churches and individuals to share the opportunity widely. Job details and shareable materials are available here:

<https://bit.ly/4xi5Qzs>

In a statement, the Board said: “We are deeply grateful to Canon Georgette Forney for her decades of faithful service. She inherited a small ministry with limited resources and, under God’s guidance, has grown it into an invaluable organization that serves the Anglican Communion and the wider pro-life community. Georgette has been uniquely qualified to offer both practical pastoral care on life issues and the credibility that comes from her own abortion experience and her deep concern for the elderly.

“In 2025, the Board developed a Strategic Plan that strengthens the financial and operational foundations of the ministry. This ensures the next Executive Director will step into a position of strength. We hope supporters will continue to partner with Anglicans For Life financially and in ministry. We ask you to pray with us during this important season—for Georgette and her family, for the staff, and above all for the Lord to raise up the next Executive Director who will serve Him and His Church for LIFE.”

Forney will focus in the coming months on completing and updating key projects, so the new leader inherits a ministry prepared for its next season of Life-Affirming advocacy.

About Anglicans For Life

Anglicans For Life® is a non-profit ministry dedicated to equipping the Anglican Church and the broader Christian community to protect, honor, and celebrate life from conception to natural death through education, resources, advocacy, prayer, and pastoral care.

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