

Spiritual Adoption Program 2024

From April 6 to December 25

(Feast of the Annunciation to Christmas)

Fifty-one years ago (on January 22, 1973) the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision was rendered which legalized abortion throughout the entire nine months of pregnancy. Since that time, more than 64 million babies have died by surgical abortion. Although the Supreme Court decision was overturned in June 2022, abortion is still occurring in most states.

To help stop the anti-life push around the world, the late Archbishop Venerable Fulton J. Sheen encouraged the spiritual adoption of an unborn child. This is done by praying that one, particular but unknown child's life be spared an abortion and be allowed to continue to live.

The Spiritual Adoption Program has four elements:

1. It is an opportunity to pledge a daily prayer for nine months for a baby who is in danger of abortion. This special prayer is found on the Spiritual Adoption Prayer cards. For the parents of the baby, please pray a daily Hail Mary. Pray that God in His great mercy will grant the parents the courage to imitate the lives of Mary and Joseph once more. They gave a humble yes to bring forth the life of Jesus, our Savior, in a way that was defiant to the wisdom of their time.
2. It is an opportunity to educate others about the development of the pre-born baby. You will be able to follow the development of the baby every month in our bulletin and by the Monthly "Little One" Poster on display in the back of each church.
3. From Mother's Day, May 12 to Father's Day, June 16, we will once again have a baby bottle drive for Wayne County Pregnancy Center.
4. In the month of October (Respect Life Month), we will host a month-long baby shower as a visible means of imitating the Magi by providing assistance in the form of a donated baby item. These baby items will be given to either Care Net crisis pregnancy center or the Margaret Home depending on their need.

You may "adopt" a child individually or as a family by signing up during the weekend of April 6-7. Pledge Cards (blue or pink) will be available after Mass to be completed by the family. A selection of prayer cards with age-appropriate prayers (for grade 4 and younger and above grade 4) will be available. It is suggested that you name the child for whom you will be praying, which will remind you that, although you may never meet the child in this life, you truly are praying for a specific child who needs your prayers. There are millions of unborn babies desperately in need of your prayers. Will you please "spiritually adopt" one and share the love for life that God has given you? Please leave the completed Pledge Cards (blue or pink) in the basket after you are finished writing the name of your adopted baby on your prayer card.

Our prayers CAN make a difference between whether a baby will be born... or aborted. Our prayers will be like a net that is lined with baby receiving blankets to save them. Our prayers can also be a form of spiritual support for both parents. Please share the love of life given to you by the Lord of all life and join in spiritually adopting a baby.