

By selecting from any of the complementary program materials below and submitting this form (see back of brochure), or from resources available on-line at

lifeandjusticekcsj.org/spiritual-adoption, the Spiritual Adoption Program may be customized to meet the specific needs of your parishes, school, or home and may be enjoyed by students of all ages, from pre-school to adult.

Promotional

- Brochure
- Flyer-Bulletin board/meeting invitation
- Flyer-Mass bulletin insert
- Announcements-Mass bulletin and pulpit
- Letter-Parish priest and school principal
- Letter-Parents and teachers

Pledge & Prayer Cards

- Pledge cards-KC-StJ Life & Justice(for bulletin boards, church trees, etc.)
- Prayer cards-KC-StJ Life & Justice
- Prayer cards-Holy Family
- Prayer cards-Patroness of the Unborn

Monthly Updates

- Cards-Annunciation
- Cards-Illustrations
- Cards-Photos
- Posters-Illustrations
- Posters-Photos
- Posters-Little One Sweet
- Labels-KC-StJ Life & Justice(for your own cards, bookmarks, etc.)
- Mass bulletin announcement

Program Completion

- Certificates of program completion
- Birthday party announcements
- Baby shower announcements
- Spiritual Adoption program participant feedback form

Program Materials: Please submit request form in this pamphlet to:

Diocese of Kansas City-
St. Joseph
Office of Life & Justice
20 W. 9th St.
Kansas City, MO 64105

OR

Email/scan to:
lifeandjusticekcsj.org

OR

Visit

lifeandjusticekcsj.org/spiritual-adoption



SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

**"JESUS, I LOVE YOU VERY MUCH.
I BEG YOU TO PROTECT THE
PREBORN BABY I HAVE
SPIRITUALLY ADOPTED."**

**A PROGRAM FOR SCHOOLS,
PARISHES, AND FAMILIES**



*Before I formed you in the womb I
knew you. - Jeremiah 1:5*

Thank you for your support in the crusade to defend the sanctity of all human life! As faithful Catholics we must understand how truly precious the gift of human life is.

All too often in our efforts to share this wonderful message we find ourselves in discussions that require an understanding of theology or a knowledge of science or a level of life experience which is exclusive of younger members of our faith.

For this reason the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph Office of Life & Justice sponsors this Spiritual Adoption Program that can be enjoyed by all members of our Catholic family whether it is in our parishes, in our grade schools, in our middle schools, or in our homes.

We hope you will enjoy participating in the Spiritual Adoption Program



What is the Spiritual Adoption Program?

Participants in the Spiritual Adoption Program pledge to pray for nine months for an unborn baby. While this child will remain unknown to his or her 'spiritual parent', God knows who the child is. Many people have found that naming 'their child' helps to keep them focused on the reality that their prayers are helping to keep a particular baby safe.

At the end of the nine months of prayer, schools and/or parishes can hold a baby shower to gather new or gently used items for agencies that provide a home or support for mothers experiencing a difficult pregnancy.

What are the objectives of the Spiritual Adoption Program?

1. Encourage prayer for parents who are expecting a child, that they will respond to God's grace and welcome their child into life.
2. Educate adults and children about the development of the preborn child.
3. Provide mothers in need with a 'baby shower' of donated baby gifts, or simply celebrate with a 'birthday party' at the conclusion of the program.

Who can participate?

Church members, students, prayer groups and anyone who is concerned about the unborn and who is willing to pray "that they might have life and have it to the full." (John 10:10) This program can be done in a parish or school setting, with age appropriate materials.

How can my school, parish, or family get started with the

Spiritual Adoption Program?

At the beginning of the program a pledge card or prayer card is completed with your name and the name of your adopted child. The prayer is recited at regular intervals throughout the nine months. In addition to the prayer, a regular update on the development of the unborn child is provided in the form of a poster, a card, a bulletin announcement, etc. At the end of the nine months a 'baby shower' or 'birthday party' can be celebrated and the gifts of baby items donated to a local pregnancy center or other organization that assists mothers and babies.

There are a number of different options for promoting your Spiritual Adoption Program at school or in your parish. There are also different prayer and pledge cards, progress update cards and posters, and program completion materials based on the age and specific needs of your participants. All of these materials can be obtained by downloading them from the Diocese Respect Life website below, by contacting your parish Respect Life coordinator, or by simply contacting the Diocese Respect Life Office...and most materials are totally free!

To learn more, visit the Spiritual Life website at lifeandjusticekcsj.org/spiritual-adoption