



# Spiritual Adoption Program



We are very excited to introduce the Spiritual Adoption Program. This program has been successfully piloted in some of our parishes and schools in recent years and has proven to be very educational and meaningful to children and adults alike. It touches on the three areas of pro-life involvement: *prayer, education and service.*

The program is very simple. Participants in the Spiritual Adoption Program pledge to pray for nine months for a baby in danger of abortion. 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 save a particular baby from the harm of abortion.

The purpose of this program is threefold:

1. To help inform and educate children and adults about the dignity and sacredness of all human life from conception to natural death.
2. To save the life of an unborn baby by asking God to give the parents the courage and grace they need to bring their baby into the world.
3. To provide mothers in need with assistance by donating gifts from the ‘baby shower’ or ‘birthday party’ held at the conclusion of the program.

For your convenience, a Spiritual Adoption Program manual is available from the Office of Marriage & Family for \$10. It includes:

- Simple step-by-step instructions on how to begin
- Program introduction announcements for parishes/schools
- Monthly newsletter/bulletin announcements with monthly fetal development
- Printer ready "Thank You" cards and posters from spiritually adopted baby for each month
- Sample age-appropriate prayers
- Baby Shower/Birthday Party Suggestions
- Sample Precious Little Feet stickers
- Sample *Watch me grow!* Brochure
- Sample bracelet that participants may choose to wear to remind them to pray for their spiritually adopted baby.

### *One Woman Shares her Experience...*

*A woman who recently participated in the Spiritual Adoption Program had her prayers answered closer to home than she ever foresaw. After several months of praying for her spiritually adopted baby, she learned that her cousin was facing an unplanned pregnancy and had seriously considered abortion. She was taken aback when she learned her cousin later named her son Christopher—she had never told her cousin she spiritually adopted a baby or the baby's name, but this was the same name she had chosen for her spiritually adopted baby. Little did she know it was her cousin's baby she had been praying for all along! Her prayers were answered!*

Thank you for helping your children and parish community to grow in awareness and appreciation for all life that God has so lovingly created!