

Spiritual Adoption Program

Everyone loves the beauty and innocence of a baby. As an expression of that love, the Diocese of Venice announces a “spiritual” adoption program for young and old alike. Whether you are in the diocese full time, part time or just visiting you can participate.

You and/or your family can “spiritually” adopt a child who is newly conceived this month. Not all newly conceived babies are allowed to be born. In fact, more than 3,000 babies lose their lives to abortion each day. It is these babies you are being asked to “adopt”.

This is a spiritual commitment to pray for one of the many unborn children at risk of being aborted. Consider God as the adoption agency. Ask God for your child because he is the only one who knows the fate of the unborn child. You are asked to give the child for whom you are praying a name, to help focus your prayers. It may be the only name your adopted child will ever receive from his/her human family. You are asked to pray for your unborn child and for all unborn children each week, for the power of prayer is great. The prayer can be an Our Father, Hail Mary, the Rosary or the offering of a Mass.

You will find out about the development of “your” child each month through this website.

There are millions of unborn babies desperately in need of your prayers. Won't you please “spiritually adopt” one and share the love for life that God has given you?

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION RESOURCES

Resources for parish and school programs are located on the Archdiocese of Baltimore website:

<http://www.archbalt.org/respect-life/spiritual-adoption/index.cfm>

PRAYERS

O Mary,

Bright dawn of the new world,
Mother of the living,
To you do we entrust the cause
of life:
Look down, O Mother,
Upon the vast numbers
Of babies not allowed to be born,
Of the poor whose lives are
made difficult,
Of men and women
Who are victims of brutal
violence,
Of the elderly and the sick killed
By indifference or out of
misguided mercy.
Grant that all who believe in

Prayer for the Unborn

Jesus, Mary, Joseph,
I love you very much.
I beg you to spare the life
of the unborn child
that I have spiritually adopted,
who is in danger of abortion.
Amen.

by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Spiritual Adoption Pledge

"I, _____

promise to spiritually adopt

your Son
May proclaim the Gospel of life
With honesty and love
To the people of our time.
Obtain for them the grace
To accept that Gospel
As a gift ever new,
The joy of celebrating it with
gratitude
Throughout their lives
And the courage to bear witness
to it
Resolutely, in order to build,
Together with all people of good
will,
A civilization of truth and love,
To the praise and glory of God,
Creator and lover of life.

*Pope John Paul II
The Gospel of Life, §105*

an unborn baby in danger of
abortion by praying daily for the
life of that child."