Catholic Charities is a Hague Accredited Adoption agency ready to assist you with the adoption process from a country of your choosing. Catholic Charities is a Supervised Provider and will work with you on completing a home study which will meet the requirements of the State of Wisconsin, USCIS, Hague and the country from which you hope to adopt. Post placement services and reports will also be provided by Catholic Charities. You will also need to choose a Primary Provider, an agency who works in-country to ensure all ethical and legal requirements are met prior to referring/matching your family with a child. Catholic Charities can help guide you in the process of selecting a Primary Provider.

Intercountry adoptions vary greatly from country to country. These differences can include wait times, children available, travel requirements and cost. Some countries also have requirements regarding adoptive parents which may include: age, marriage length, health, etc. It is up to each family to ensure you meet the requirements of the country from which you hope to adopt. It is strongly recommended that you go to: www.uscis.gov/adoption/country-information as well as the Department of State Country Information link for each specific country, to review all criteria. Periodically reviewing your selected country’s requirements, for any changes, is also highly encouraged.

Our caring professionals will walk with you every step of the way to ensure a successful adoption. Further information is also available on our website at www.cclse.org.
We feel it’s important for you to understand our fees upfront and know you can trust there are not hidden expenses. While we understand the cost of adoption can be overwhelming, we do not want this to be a barrier as you pursue building your family through adoption. There are many options and we would like to assist you in finding the best fit for your family.

**You will not pay for everything upfront.** We charge as services are rendered. For example, you will pay the application fee at the time you submit your application, but the home study fee is not due until your home study is completed. If it would be beneficial for you, Catholic Charities also has experienced and friendly financial counselors who can sit down with you to help review your finances and determine a plan to be able to budget money toward your goal of a completed adoption.

Secondly, there are many scholarships, grants, loans and low interest credit card programs specific to assisting families with funding for adoptions. Your Social Worker can provide you with a list of some of these organizations. In addition, there is an adoption tax credit available for families the year you finalize your adoption. Many of our families have found these resources to be beneficial in aiding in the cost of adoption.

Lastly, try to think creatively about fundraising opportunities. There are local businesses who will allow you to earn money toward your adoption fund or put together a bake sale, cookie exchange or garage sale. Ask your employer about adoption benefits. Your Social Worker would love to share ideas with you. We have some really creative families!

Please inquire with your Social Worker regarding any questions. We’re more than happy to be of assistance.