Creating Families through Adoption

In serving families who choose to build their family through adoption, Catholic Charities provides a variety of services:

- **Domestic Infant**: Families wishing to adopt a domestically-born baby;
- **International**: Families interested in adopting a child from another country;
- **Step-Parents**: Those wanting to become legal parents of their step-children;
- **Relative**: Close family members who choose to adopt a related child;
- **Independent**: Birth parents and families who met without agency assistance and need help completing their adoption process.

Catholic Charities proclaims Christ’s Gospel of Life and promotes human dignity by alleviating poverty and strengthening individuals and families.

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1-888-212-HELP (4357)
Adoption Services
for People of all Faiths

For over 140 years, Catholic Charities has provided expert support to expectant parents considering adoption as well as adoptive families. We help families prepare to welcome an adoptive child and support them throughout the adoption process. We also help birth parents in the difficult but loving decision-making process regarding adoption. Experienced adoption professionals are here to help you every step of the way, from your first question to post-placement and follow-up.

As an adoptive family, we will confidentially and carefully explore with you the type of adoption that is right for your family. That may include studying your home environment, providing foster home licensing, preparing you for parenting an adoptive child, guiding you through the legal adoption process and providing post-placement services. All services are available to anyone, regardless of age, religion or race.

What can I expect?

An agency that...

- Provides an immediate response to your inquiries;
- Serves as a state-licensed child placing agency;
- Believes in open adoptions;
- Offers caring and honest professional staff in convenient locations;
- Assures your adoption is legal;
- Considers direct placement of a child into your home;
- Offers post-adoption services through our state-funded Post Adoption Resource Center.

Catholic Charities Adoption Program is accredited through the National Council on Accreditation and is also a Hauge accredited program.

What Is Our Mission?

Our Mission is to provide high quality supportive services to families seeking to adopt children. We assist expectant parents needing to plan for their unborn children to make the best decision for themselves and their child.

It is our belief that children, either through adoption or being raised by birth parents, need unconditional love, security and stability if they are to reach their full potential in life.

Serving individuals of all faiths, Catholic Charities would like to walk with you on this life-changing journey.