

To: *[name of parent/teacher]*

From: *[your name]*

Re: Spiritual Adoption Program

Dear *[parent/teacher name(s)]*

The *[parish name]* Respect Life team is very excited about the new Spiritual Adoption Program developed by the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph Respect Life Office and we would like to introduce you to the program in hopes that we may implement it at *[parish/school name]*. We have discussed the program with *[parish priest/school principal]* but your input and support is ultimately what will make the program successful.

This program is modeled after a number of very successful programs used in other dioceses across the country but has been redesigned and updated especially for us. The program content is appropriate for students of all ages, all of the program materials are available on-line, there is minimal effort required, and the best thing is *there is no cost required to participate*.

Participants in the Spiritual Adoption Program pledge to pray a brief daily prayer 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 so we encourage participants to name their child.

Monthly updates will be provided through *[method of updates]* describing the baby's development.

At the end of the nine months, our *[parish/school]* will hold a baby shower to gather new or gently used items for *[pregnancy resource center]*, a local agencies that provides support for mothers in need.

By selecting from a variety of complementary promotional brochures and announcements, prayer cards and posters, end-of-year announcements and program completion certificates, as well as a large number of additional pins, buttons, etc. that are available at a minimal cost if we elect to include them, we are able to customize our own program to meet the specific needs of our *[parish/school]*. All of the materials can be previewed at [www.respectlifemissouri.org](http://www.respectlifemissouri.org) ("Programs & Events→Spiritual Adoption").

The purpose of the Spiritual Adoption Program is three-fold:

- Encourages prayer for parents who are expecting a child; that they will respond to God's grace and welcome their child into life.
- Educates children about the development of the preborn child.
- Provides mothers in need with a 'baby shower' of donated baby gifts.

Additional communication on the program will be forthcoming, including an informational meeting where you can provide feedback and have your questions answered, but please do not hesitate to call *[name]* at *[phone/email]* in the meantime with questions or concerns.

Thank you for helping our children to grow in their awareness of, and appreciation for, all life that God has so lovingly created.

Sincerely, In Christ,

*[your name]*