

If you want to do more,

you may add additional prayers such as rosaries, Mass intentions, or any prayer you choose, or you may spiritually adopt multiple children.

Participation is recommended for a 9-month period and can begin and end at any time, however, there are special times of the year that are particularly appropriate:

- Begin on the Solemnity of the Annunciation, March 25 (transferred to another date on years when it falls during Holy Week) and end on December 25, Christmas Day.
- Begin in January and end in October during Respect Life Month.
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Each month, you can follow the development of your spiritually adopted child at www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife/parish-spiritual-adoption-program.



**Spiritually
Adopt
an
Unborn Child**



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Every day,
over 2,000 babies
are in danger of becoming
victims of abortion.
Perhaps we cannot save them all.
Start with one.
Participate in a spiritual
adoption program.

What is a Spiritual Adoption Program?

It is very simple. Participants in a 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 and who you are. 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 abortion.

Individuals or families may spiritually adopt a child. Some families may choose to have each family member adopt a different child or they can all pray for one child.

The simple prayer of
Venerable Fulton J. Sheen
is recommended:

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

