

# Spiritual Adoption Program

On January 22, 1973, the *Roe vs. Wade* Supreme Court decision was rendered which legalized abortion throughout the entire nine months of pregnancy. Since that time, more than **50 million** babies have died by surgical abortion. Did you know a baby dies by surgical abortion about **every 20 seconds** in the United States?

To help stop the anti-life push around the world, the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen encouraged the spiritual adoption of an unborn child. This is done by praying that one particular but unknown child's life be spared abortion and be allowed to continue to live.

1. **Pledge a daily prayer for nine months** for a baby who is in danger of abortion. This special prayer is found below. For the parents of the baby, please pray a daily Hail Mary. Pray that God in His great mercy will grant the parents the courage to once more imitate the lives of Mary and Joseph. They gave a humble "yes" to bring forth the life of Jesus, our Savior, in a way that was defiant to the wisdom of their time.
2. **Learn about the development of the pre-born baby.** See the monthly article in the bulletin.
3. At the end of nine months (January) the St. Cornelius Respect Life Ministry will host a **baby shower**. The baby shower is a visible means of imitating the Magi by providing assistance in the form of a donated baby item. These baby items will be given to a shelter for moms in need.

## Spiritual Adoption Prayer

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

—Bishop Fulton J. Sheen

Baby's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(choose a name)

Due Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(9 months from today)



## Prefer an app to help you pray?

Army for Life is designed to help you do the prayer of spiritual adoption - a prayer that was introduced by the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen to help stop the anti-life push around the world. This free app lets you spiritually adopt an unknown, unborn child; give a name; and make the spiritual adoption prayer through the gestation period of 40 weeks. You can spiritually adopt multiple children and keep track of your daily prayers through a simple and minimal interface. We believe these prayers can make a difference in the life of the unborn child and provide spiritual support for the parents.



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### Spiritual Adoption Pledge

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
(your name)

promise to spiritually adopt an unborn baby,

\_\_\_\_\_.  
(name of baby)

in danger of abortion by praying daily for the life of this child.



(Please return this portion to the collection box in the vestibule.)

