



## **AGENCY CRITERIA FOR PROSPECTIVE ADOPTIVE PARENTS**

The agency is licensed to place children in the state of Kansas. Adoptive parents must be residents of the Salina Diocese. Exceptions will be made for special needs children. Catholic Charities serves applicants regardless of race, ethnicity, or religious creed.

### **MARRIAGE:**

Applicants will be asked to verify a stable marriage of at least one year at the time of application.

### **RELIGION:**

Couples are expected to be practicing a religion. This would include being able to express their faith preferences and views and elaborate on how they will incorporate this into the rearing of a child.

### **HEALTH AND INFERTILITY:**

Applicants with serious health risks are required to write about their health issue on their Dear Birth Parent Letter and also need a letter from their physician addressing suitability to adopt. Medical reason(s) for unknown infertility needs to be verified in writing by an infertility specialist.

### **HOUSING:**

Applicants do not need to own a home in order to adopt however, adequate space is required for each child.

### **FINANCES:**

Financial stability is essential. A copy of the most recent 1040 Federal Tax Return will be a part of the Adoption Application. Medical insurance coverage for all family members is required.