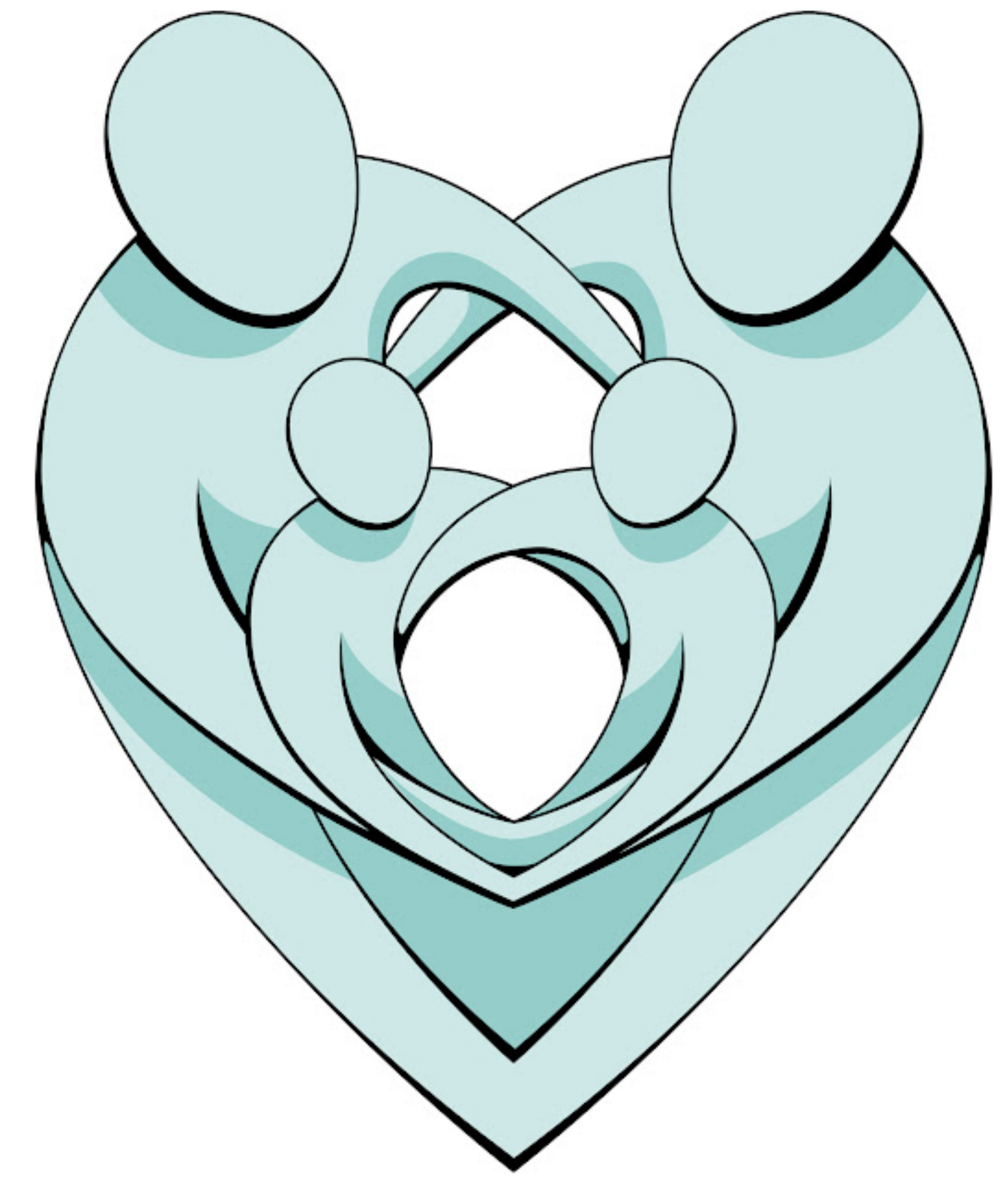


Attention Birth Parents: If you placed a child in an adoptive home and you desire to remain anonymous, please read the following information carefully.



Adult Adoptees Can Now Apply for Non-certified Copy of Original Certificate of Birth

Governor Reynolds signed new legislation that will allow an adopted adult whose original birth certificate was substituted with a new certificate after an adoption, to apply for and obtain a non-certified copy of the original certificate of birth, **which will include biological parent information**. The new law will also allow an entitled person to apply for the adult adoptee's original certificate prior to adoption if the adoptee is deceased.

In addition, the law allows biological parents to file contact preference and medical history forms with the Bureau of Health Statistics in the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH). If completed by biological parents, these forms will be released to an adult adoptee or entitled person upon proper application.

The law will immediately apply to those who were born before 1971. Beginning January 1, 2022, anyone over the age of 18 can request the same document.

Catholic Charities was not involved in this recent law change and we are providing this information as a courtesy. Please contact the Iowa Department of Public Health: Bureau of Health Statistics directly with any questions you may have about this law and how it impacts you. We at Catholic Charities have a moral obligation to the families who lovingly placed a child in an adoptive home. We have played a supportive role for many years to ensure the wishes of the families were met. With a sensitive issue, such as adoption, we value the needs of the families involved, including the wishes of birth parents to remain anonymous.

Those wishing to apply or learn more about the application process should visit the IDPH website: <https://idph.iowa.gov/health-statistics/Open-Adoption>

If the Iowa Department of Public Health: Bureau of Statistics does NOT receive your "Biological Parent of an Adoptee Contact Preference Form" your name MAY BE RELEASED. If you want to remain anonymous, this requires your immediate attention.

Please contact the Bureau of Statistics directly at (515) 281-7689