

Spiritual Adoption Program

Participants in the St. James Spiritual Adoption Program pledge to pray every day for nine months for an unborn baby who is in danger of abortion. Since the baby is adopted "spiritually", it is not necessary to identify an actual unborn baby. However, God knows who the baby is. At the end of the nine months of prayer, a baby shower will be held to gather items for A Woman's Concern, a pregnancy and parenting resource center in Lancaster that supports mothers, fathers and babies.

The Spiritual Adoption Program has three goals...

- To encourage prayer for women who are expecting a baby
- To educate adults and children about the development of the pre-born baby
- To provide mothers in need with baby gifts

To participate, send your name, or family name, and your spiritually adopted baby's name to Lititz5KforLife@gmail.com. A tag with the names will be placed on the tree at the Marian Shrine in Our Lady's Center. Prayer Cards are available at the Marian Shrine, or make your own. The Prayer is:

"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby, [name], who I have spiritually adopted and is in danger of abortion. Amen."

Monthly updates on the development of the unborn baby will be provided in the parish bulletin and at the Marian Shrine. Stop by the shrine occasionally and say a prayer for good health for all the mothers and their babies.