

## Questions & Answers



### **What is the Spiritual Adoption Program?**

The spiritual adoption program is threefold: to pray for babies in danger of abortion and his or her family, to educate about the physical development of pre-born, and to provide assistance for mothers in need.

### **How does it work?**

All participants commit to pray for nine months for a baby in danger of abortion and his or her family. During each month of the program, the participants in the program will be given information about their baby's development in the womb. While this child will remain unknown to the "spiritual parent", God knows who this child is and you can have hope that your prayers will be heard. At the end of the program, a "birthday party" will be held, and you will be invited to bring baby items which will be donated to mothers in need here in Hamilton County.

### **Why should I name the baby?**

Many people find that naming the child for whom they are praying helps keep them focused on the reality that their prayers are helping to save a particular baby from the harm of abortion. By naming the child, you are also giving them the humanity that they deserve.

### **Who can participate?**

EVERYONE! The program is for anyone who is concerned about the unborn, and who is willing to pray for babies in danger of abortion and his or her family, "that they might have life and have it more abundantly." (John 10:10)

### **How long is the spiritual adoption?**

At St. Maria Goretti, the spiritual adoption lasts nine months, beginning in May (our Blessed Mother's month) and ending

in late January (Roe v Wade anniversary). Of course, you may continue and are encouraged to pray for this child even after we celebrate his or her birth.

### **What should I pray?**

- Daily prayer for your adopted child (one can be found on the provided prayer card)
- Other prayers may be found on the SMG website ([smgonline.org](http://smgonline.org)) including a Marian prayer for the unborn and his or her family.
- Once a trimester, the SMG parish family will pray a Rosary for Life before Mass for the intentions of this program.

### **When should I pray?**

Other parishes have recommended that a great time to pray is after your meal blessing. Of course, any time of the day is perfect!

### **What if I miss a day of praying for this child?**

Missing a day is no reason to end your commitment. Simply pray for the child when you realized you've missed and begin daily prayer again.

### **I missed the start date, can I still participate?**

If you missed the May 16 & 17 start date, you are more than welcome to participate and attend the birthday party. Please be sure that you still pray for at least nine months for your child.

### **Why do you want my email address?**

Because of limited space in the bulletin, participants will receive emails once a trimester telling them when the Rosary for Life will be held. They will also receive an email with information about the birthday party in January.

### **Who do I contact for more information?**

The Respect Life Ministry at [respectlifesm@gmail.com](mailto:respectlifesm@gmail.com)

*Thank you for praying for a child  
and a family in danger of abortion!*