

# November - Adoption Awareness Sanctity & Dignity of Life

What does this look like?



This month's focus is on Adoption. National Adoption Awareness Month is recognized annually as a time to raise awareness about the need for adoptive families for children and youth in foster care, and the option of private, domestic, or international adoption of infants and young children. "To adopt a child is a great *work of love*. When it is done, much is given, but much is also received. It is a true exchange of gifts. Adopting children, regarding and treating them as one's own children, means recognizing that the relationship between parents and children is not measured only by genetic standards— St. John Paul II

[https://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/speeches/2000/jul-sep/documents/hf\\_jp-ii\\_spe\\_20000905\\_adozioni.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/speeches/2000/jul-sep/documents/hf_jp-ii_spe_20000905_adozioni.html)

**Pray:** An intercessory prayer for all those whose lives are touched by adoption.

For expectant mothers  
placing their children for adoption:  
May they receive loving support  
as they walk this journey;

For parents placing their children for adoption:  
May they encounter the Father's love  
through our words and actions;

For children awaiting adoption:  
May they be welcomed  
into loving families;

For children awaiting adoption:  
May the Lord inspire loving families  
to welcome and nurture them;

For married couples considering adoption:  
May the Lord guide their journey  
and grant them peace along the way;

For all of God's children:  
May they recognize their dignity as  
adopted sons and daughters of God.

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/pro-life-activities/intercessory-prayers-adoption>

**Reflect:** "...When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son as Redeemer and Savior. In his Son and through him, he invites men to become, in the Holy Spirit, his adopted children and thus heirs of his blessed life." CCC 1 ***As we are all adopted children of our Heavenly Father, this month is a great time to discern how God is asking us to consider, encourage or promote adoption.***

**Act:**

- Pray a Rosary with your family for all children in need of adoptive parents, and for all those considering adoption.
- Consider participating in a Spiritual Adoption, in which participants pray for a specific, but unknown, unborn child for nine months.
- Contact Catholic Charities of Denver for adoption resources and referrals ([adoption@ccdenver.org](mailto:adoption@ccdenver.org)) or Hope's Promise for adoption services ([info@hopespromise.com](mailto:info@hopespromise.com)).

**You can make a difference!**

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