

Dream big

We're thrilled that you're considering building your family through adoption. We hope that you'll think of us when you're ready to begin your journey toward becoming an adoptive family. Working together, we can make your dream come true.

Getting started

The first step toward becoming an adoptive family is to attend one of our adoption information meetings, which are held in Fort Wayne on the first Thursday of every month. The agency also offers an ongoing, educational series on adoption issues. And, no, you don't have to be Catholic to access our adoption services; they're open to everyone, regardless of faith or denomination.

For further information

In the Fort Wayne area, contact:
315 East Washington Boulevard,
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802
(260) 422-5625 or (800) 686-7459 (toll free)

In the South Bend area, contact:
1817 Miami Street
South Bend, Indiana 46613
(574) 234-3111 or
(800) 686-3112 (toll free)

To contact an adoption specialist by e-mail, go to the links at our Web site, www.ccfwsb.org.



Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend Inc., is a state-licensed, Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children-accredited social-services agency serving people in the Indiana counties of Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Elkhart, Huntington, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Marshall, Noble, Steuben, St. Joseph, Wabash, Wells, and Whitley.

Catholic Charities provides assistance to all individuals, regardless of their religious affiliation, race, national origin, or gender.



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We've been helping people realize their dream of having a family for 80 years, and we can help you, too.

At Catholic Charities, we believe in families, and we believe in the American dream. In fact, we believe the two are often one and the same. Healthy, functional family units are the very core of our society. They are the American ideal.

We also believe that children are a special blessing from God and that they deserve to have the very best of opportunities during their formative years. Every child is entitled to a stable, nurturing environment where he or she feels safe and loved. And every child deserves a home in which parents provide the proper guidance and emotional support.

It's a happy statistic that an estimated 100,000 older children are adopted by American families each year.

Meanwhile, there are countless couples being denied the joy of parenthood because of infertility. That's why adoption services have been such a major part of what we do ever since Catholic Charities first became licensed by the state as a child-placing agency way back in 1927. A very big part of our mission is to join children with loving, caring adoptive families.

Our highly experienced, dedicated adoption professionals are committed to helping couples who are unable to conceive realize their dream of building a family. We provide services that involve everyone in the process, including adoptive parents, adoptees, and birthparents.

Our adoption services, offered in compliance with current state law and regulations, include:

- Infant adoption home studies
- Special-needs adoption home studies
- International placement home studies
- Private adoption home studies
- Assessments for relative or stepparent adoption
- Agency placement
- Finalization services
- Counseling for adoption issues
- Search and reunion
- Adoption post-placement services

