

Catholic Charities
Diocese of Springfield in Illinois
Adoption Program
Fee Sheet

Infant Adoption Program

Home Study Fee

\$2500

Due at Application

(non-refundable)

Includes Foster Family

Home Licensing

Adoption Fee

8% of annual income
as verified by income
tax return, with a minimum
fee of \$4700 and a maximum
fee of \$10,700.

½ of the adoption fee is due
at placement of a child in home
and remaining balance due prior
to adoption finalization.

In addition, there may be medical and living expenses associated with the adoption. Payment of these extra expenses does not obligate either adoptive family or the birthparents to complete a plan of adoption.

1. Adoptive families may be responsible for partial or all medical bills of the birthmother and baby as associated with the adoption.
2. Adoptive families may be entitled to pay all “reasonable living expenses” of the birthmother during the pregnancy and one month post-delivery if these expenses are considered necessary to the health and welfare of the child. These expenses may include any or all of the following:
 - Rent
 - Maternity Clothes
 - Legal Fees assessed with regards to termination of parental rights, including consultation fees, services of summons fees, and any other fee associated with termination of parental rights of an uncooperative or unknown birthfather
3. Legal Fees associated with finalization of the child’s adoption.

Second Adoption Home Study

Home Study	Post Placement Supervision
\$1250 (1/2 of home study fee) (non-refundable)	Included in home study fee

Updating/Upgrading of Adoption Home Study

\$ 300.00 (non-refundable)

Intercountry Adoptions

Home Study Fee	Post-Placement Supervision Fee	Other Fees
\$2800 Due at application (non-refundable)	Included in home study fee	Varies-Adoption Fees paid to placing agency
Includes Foster Family Home Licensing		Legal fees to finalize the adoption

Special Needs Adoption

Home Study Fee	Adoption Fee	Legal/Medical Fees
None	None	None-for all children whom meet the criteria for special and are under the guardianship of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

Adoption Subsidies are available in situations where the child meets the criteria for special needs and is under DCFS guardianship.

Independent Adoptions

(from other Adoption Agencies and from independent Sources, e.g., Attorney, Physician or Interstate Compact Office)

Home Study Fee	Post-Placement Supervision Fee	Other Fees
\$2500 Due at application (non-refundable)	Included in home study fee	Varies-Fees paid to placing source
Includes Foster Family Home Licensing		Legal fees to finalize the adoption

Where Independent Adoption is converted into an Agency Adoption, the Catholic Charities Infant Adoption Fee Schedule will apply. An Independent Adoption would become a Catholic Charities Adoption in the following situations:

- When the birthparent is in need of living expenses as can be legally provided by an adoption agency.
- When Catholic Charities facilitates the adoption surrenders and/or termination of parental rights and becomes the legal guardian of the child prior to adoption finalization.

In the event that Catholic Charities provides counseling to birthparents in Independent Adoptions only, the counseling will be billed to the adoptive parents at \$50 per hour.

Post-Adoption Program

Non-identifying Social/Medical History Fee \$100.00	Search for Consent Fee \$395.00
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*Post adoption services are never denied on one's inability to pay