



Christian Voices for Life

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How Much Do You Know about Adoption?



Education: A woman with a problem pregnancy has three choices: parenting, abortion, and adoption. Adoption, however, is often either quickly dismissed or not even considered. Since adoption is rarely spoken about, it may not even occur to some women to consider that option. Many mothers view “giving away” their baby as abandonment, or being a bad mother. Or they feel that if they carry the baby through the pregnancy, it will be too hard to then let their baby go, and they would end up in the single parenting situation that they cannot face.

They see abortion as preventing them from becoming a mother, rather than killing their baby.

Education on open adoption and the use of updated terminology can help. Adoption is not abandonment but a loving parenting choice, a way to provide a good home for a child, so "making an adoption plan" is more accurate than “giving a baby away” or “putting up for adoption.” In 2020 there were an estimated 930,000 abortions, and only 79,161 total adoptions, 57,881 of which came out of the foster system (1), and it is estimated that 2 million American couples are currently wanting to adopt. (2) Many of these couples are deterred by the cost. Ryan Bomberger was conceived in rape but adopted in love. His family had 13 children of black, white, native American, Vietnamese, and mixed heritage. Ryan and his wife Bethany Bomberger founded the Radiance Foundation, who has recently initiated a fund, named in honor of Ryan’s parents, to provide grants to Christian families wanting to adopt. (3)

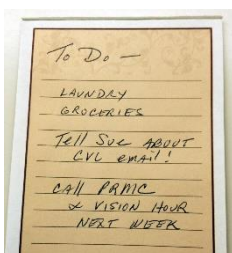
1. <https://www.lifenews.com/2022/11/02/i-was-conceived-in-rape-but-thanks-to-my-birth-mom-i-was-adopted-in-love/>

2. https://www.americanadoptions.com/pregnant/waiting_adoptive_families

3. <https://radiancefoundation.org/adoptedandlovedfund/>



Prayer: Dear Father God, please help all women in crisis pregnancies to be informed about the option of adoption. Help them to see it as a loving way to provide for their child if they are unable to do so themselves. Help them to turn to you in prayer to discern your will for their child, and make the best decision for both themselves and their child. Help their family members to accept their decision and give them loving support. Bless families who want to open their homes to adopted children, and help them to be patient in waiting for the child you want to send them. Please bless the efforts of the Radiance Foundation to help couples wanting to adopt to overcome the financial burden of doing so.



Action: Use the preferred terminology in speaking about adoption: "She made an adoption plan", "They have children by both birth and adoption," rather than "They have 2 adopted kids in addition to their own"; "His birth parents," rather than "his real parents". If someone you know is considering abortion, invite them to explore the possibility of making an adoption plan.