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SERVING NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Pastor Martin Childs, Jr.  
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Dear Pastor Childs,

Each year, more than 100 African American women living in Milwaukee and impacted by poverty reach out to Catholic Charities for pregnancy and parenting support and adoption services. We acknowledge that African American families are underrepresented in the adoption process. This leaves pregnant African American women and their partners who want to consider adoption without a family to consider for their child from their own race and culture. Catholic Charities recognizes this disparity and the difficult choices it creates for the women we serve. Our goal, with the help of a grant from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, is to eliminate barriers to the adoption process for African American couples and for expectant African American parents.

Inspired by Christ's call to serve, the mission of Catholic Charities is to provide service to those in need, to advocate for justice and to call upon others to do the same. We serve families of all religions, races, and cultures with compassion, dignity, and respect. Through our Pregnancy and Parenting Support Program, we work with many African American women who express that they feel unprepared to parent. By providing parenting support and adoption services, we provide expectant mothers with life-affirming options. To better serve African American women in our program, we wish to expand our services with Options in Adoption for African American families.

Through the Options in Adoption program, Catholic Charities is reaching out to the African American community to open opportunities and eliminate barriers, including costs, for more African American couples to become an adoptive family. We are also reaching out to the African American community to share accurate information about adoption for expectant families.

I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to hear your thoughts regarding expanding opportunities for adoption among African American families. I will call you to follow up in the next few days. Thank you so much for your time.

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Sincerely,

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