THREEL FOSTER CARE MINISTRY ARCHDIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY IN KANSAS

> **Awareness** Spiritual Works of Mercy

> > Material

Clothe the naked

**Respite** Drink for the thirsty

Care Teams

Feed the hungry

Inspire

# FOSTER MINISTRY Levels of Parish Engagement archkcks.com/foster

#### 1 - Raise Awareness

Care for the orphan is a demand of the Gospel. Educate with facts about foster care. Show foster awareness videos. Host an awareness event with a foster agency representative and ask a foster family to share a witness. Register families for next steps to become licensed.

#### 2 - Material Support

Help provide physical needs of both biological and foster families. Plan a supplies drive and register with Care Portal (careportal.org).

## 3 - Respite & Appreciation

Show gratitude for families opening their hearts and homes for vulnerable children and help them rejuvenate with a night of rest and prayer.

## 4 - Care Communities & Mentors

Wrap around foster families with simple support - prayers, meals, childcare, rides - so they can remain peaceful and joyful in their service to children. Encourage mentors to develop relationships with children in foster residential homes. Connect with Joy Meadows for care community resources (joymeadows.org).

## 5 - Inspire More Foster/Adoption Families

Raise up more loving Catholic families to foster and adopt children so that no child ages out alone.

Children will be loved and protected until they can safely return home, or adopted before they age out of the system.

"And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me." ~ Matthew 18:5