

Post-Adoption Services Application

[Sibling]

Please note that services can only be provided if proof can be supplied demonstrating the birth parent is deceased, and the applicant is the child of the deceased birth parent. This can be done by including copies of the birth parent's death certificate and the applicant's birth certificate with your application.

Applicant's Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Applicant's Date of Birth: _____

Do you share a birth mother with this sibling? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Sibling's Name: _____

Sibling's birth mother's name: _____

Sibling's Date of Birth: _____ Sibling's Place of Birth: _____

Catholic Charities office affiliated with adoption: _____

Services Requested

Please check which services you would like to request. Fees vary based on request type. Fees shown on this document are effective as of April 1st, 2026.

1. ☐ I have enclosed a signed consent form giving my authorization to be contacted in the event that my sibling contacts the agency. **There is no fee.**
2. ☐ I have enclosed information that I would like added to the file in the event that my sibling contacts the agency. **There is no fee.**
3. ☐ Request to locate and review file for a release signed by my sibling consenting to contact.
☐ **\$50 fee for this service is enclosed**



4. ☐ Locate and review file to conduct a search for my sibling for up to 5 hours. Post-Adoption Services will search for my sibling and initiate contact on my behalf. Post-Adoption Services will act as the facilitator for contact.
- ☐ **\$550 fee for this service is enclosed.**

Payment & Application Submission

Please make check or money order payable to:

**Catholic Charities
275 W Broadway
South Boston, MA 02127
Attn: Adoption Records**

Please mail Application, Payment, notarized Consent Form, and any additional documentation (such as a copy of your biological parents' death certificate, a copy of your birth certificate, etc.) to:

**Catholic Charities
275 W Broadway
South Boston, MA 02127
Attn: Adoption Records**

Informed Consent for Post-Adoption Services

Please sign the following form in the presence of a licensed notary.

I certify:

My current legal name: _____

My sibling's name (if known): _____

My date of birth: _____ My sibling's date of birth: _____

In accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 210, *(please check **one** of the three)*:

- ☐ I hereby authorize Catholic Charities to release my name, address, and phone number to my sibling.
- ☐ I hereby request that Catholic Charities contact me prior to releasing my name, address, and telephone number to my sibling.
- ☐ I do not give Catholic Charities permission to release my name, address, or phone number to anyone.

I understand that accessing Catholic Charities post-adoption services may yield benefits to me and/or my family. These may include understanding the timeline of my sibling's birth and adoption and establishing a connection with my sibling.

I understand that accessing Catholic Charities post-adoption services can lead to possible emotional or psychological distress and may result in unforeseen and/or disappointing outcomes. Catholic Charities is not liable for the outcome of contact between myself/my sibling and my sibling's birth parent(s) or other relatives. Catholic Charities may or may not be able to locate my sibling. In the event my sibling is located, Catholic Charities may not be able to obtain consent to facilitate contact.

Outpatient counseling services are available through Catholic Charities Family Counseling and Guidance Center, and I can seek these services at any time with the understanding that there is a separate cost.



I understand that if I choose to correspond with Catholic Charities via email, that Catholic Charities does not control the electronic devices including but not limited to computers, smartphones, tablets, or the Internet over which I may choose to engage in contact. I understand that Catholic Charities cannot prevent interceptions or compromises to my information while being electronically communicated between myself and the Post-Adoption Services team.

I understand that Catholic Charities' policies and procedures comply with Massachusetts General Law c.210 section 5D governing the release of adoption information, and that these laws could change at any time. I understand that identifying information will not be shared without written consent.

I understand that I am responsible for submitting payment for the services I have requested in the post-adoption services application.

I attest that all information contained in or with this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I have received and signed a copy of Catholic Charities' Grievance Policy and Procedure, included with this application.

I understand that I may revoke this consent at any time except to the extent that action has been taken in reliance on it.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

The above-signed party did establish his/her/their identity by means of:

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____

My commission expires: _____

Notary : _____ Date: _____



Post-Adoption Services Grievance Procedure & Appeal Process

This form serves as the agency's written complaint policy and is provided to all clients. The signed consent form included with the submitted application serves as an acknowledgement of receipt of this policy. A copy of said signed consent form will be maintained in each client's individual case records.

Complaints regarding agency services or policies may be submitted in writing to the Senior Director for Family Services. Written complaints should be delivered via email or in-person to the agency address listed below. The agency will respond via email or postal mail within fourteen (14) working days of receipt.

Appeals of grievance decisions may be submitted by the client in writing to the Vice President of Family & Youth Services and delivered via email or in-person to the agency address listed below only. Appeals must be submitted within fourteen (14) working days of the agency's initial response. The agency will respond via email or postal mail within fourteen (14) working days of receipt.

In the event the client is dissatisfied with the appeal decision, the client may file a second written appeal within fourteen (14) working days of the previous decision to the agency's Chief Operating Officer (COO). The decision of the COO shall be final.

In cases in which the Senior Director or Vice President is the subject of the initial complaint, the complaint should be submitted directly to the Chief Operating Officer (COO).

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