



Dear Birthparent(s)

We would like to thank you for taking time to read about us and considering us in your adoption plans. Our names are Bob, Karrie & Katrina. Bob & I have been married for ten years. We have been a family of three for 3 years. Though we don't know what your feelings are at this time, we suspect you have mixed emotions about the decision you are about to make. It takes courage to place your child with an adoptive family and we both respect and admire your strength. Although God's plans for us have not included a biological child, we know God wants us to have children and we will love your child as our own. Should you decide to place your child with us, it will be our priority to love and raise the child in a Christian home. Please know

that we take the connection between an adoptive child and his/her birthparents very seriously and will make every effort to help our child maintain this link.

Bob and I were classmates in school, so we have known each other basically our entire lives. We didn't start dating until one and a half years after graduation. We dated for two years before we got engaged and had a one and a half year engagement. Once we started dating, we knew right away that we were meant for each other. Since then, our marriage has grown into an unbreakable relationship. Karrie grew up on a farm in northwestern Ohio and is the youngest of twelve children. Bob grew up on a farm in northwestern Ohio and is the youngest of ten children. Katrina now has 58 cousins between both of our sides. In addition to them, Katrina also has ten second cousins that she gets to play with on a regular basis. Bob still enjoys going to the farm and helping out when needed. All but one of our sibling's lives within an hour's drive of us and most are within fifteen minutes.

Karrie works for a company that makes products for infants and toddlers as a chemical process technician and will continue working after our next adopted child arrives, for a few more years. She has always been and continues to be loving, patient, and giving. She has proven herself as a wonderful wife and a mother. Karrie enjoys many things including reading, baking, camping, swimming, shopping, canning fruits and vegetables from our garden and playing cards with family and friends. She loves spending time with our families, especially Katrina and our nieces and nephews. Most of our weekends are spent with family and friends. With families as large as ours, there always seems to be a get together for some occasion.

Bob is a tool and die engineer. He is a wonderful husband and father who is patient, considerate, loving and supportive. When he's not working, he likes to spend time with Katrina, watching football, camping, gardening, fishing, biking and farming. He loves taking Katrina and our nieces and nephews for bike rides and playing sports or games with them.

We cherish our time together whether it's watching TV, working on a home project or just sharing the events of the day over dinner. We also enjoy seeing and experiencing new places together and look forward to traveling as a larger family in the United States and abroad.

We both recognize that it is an awesome responsibility to parent a child and we are committed to love and raise our child with the values we learned and still hold dear for our families. Respect and love for God, hard work, and having fun each day are some of the philosophies we embrace and desire to share. We believe that adoption is a pure act of love. We believe that an adopted child who feels connected to his or her birthparents will live a more peaceful life. Therefore, we are willing to exchange pictures and letters with the birthparents and meet with the birthparents a few times a year.

Thank you for taking time to read about us and giving us your consideration. It is our hope and prayer that God will guide you as you make this important decision.

And whatever you decide, may God bless you and the child you carry.

Sincerely,

Bob, Karrie & Katrina

Beginnings—the adoption you may choose this family or any of the others approved by Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley, which is a state licensed adoption agency. This family represents the agency in informing the community about pregnancy counseling and adoption services. Please call center office for more information at (937) 223-7217 or 1-800-300-2937