



10 great reasons to have another child

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- PRI President, Steve Mosher -



Considering having another baby?

Here are ten compelling reasons to grow your family, contributing to a vibrant and resilient future amidst declining birth rates and aging populations. Despite cultural and ideological opposition, expanding your family fosters love, strength, and faith, aligning with the belief that children are blessings from God.

1 Have another child to join with God in the creation of an immortal soul.

Parents are given the incredible opportunity to assist God in the creation of an immortal soul. As the late Cardinal Mindszenty said, even the angels have not been given such a grace.

“The most important person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral—a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby’s body. Even the angels have not been given such a grace! What is more glorious than this: to be a mother.”

Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty



2 Have another child to bring joy into your life.

There is no joy like the joy of welcoming another child into your life. You will marvel anew at how perfectly formed your little one is and over how quickly you will fall head over heels in love with them. You will be enchanted with every tiny aspect of their appearance.

3 Have another child to grow in holiness and virtue.

For those who marry and have families, children are the primary means God uses to help them grow in holiness and virtue. Children teach their parents patience, perseverance, charity, and humility. They give their parents the opportunity to practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. They come into the world naked, and we clothe them; hungry, and we feed them; thirsty, and we give them drink. All of the things that we are required to do for the “least of these our brothers,” we do first and foremost for our own children.

“Mary gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes.” (Luke 2:7)

4 Have another child to help end abortion.

When Mother Teresa of Calcutta was asked by a young mother about the best way to proceed with pro-life work, she responded emphatically, “Have a big family. That is the best way to end abortion!” How this works is not difficult to understand. As children become more rare due to contraception, sterilization and abortion, whole segments of society become less and less familiar with the sense of joy and hope that only babies and children can give. By having another child, you demonstrate once again to the world that children are God’s greatest gifts, promoting a more pro-life society.



5 Have another child so your sons and daughters will have brothers and sisters.

Children who have siblings learn early to share. They learn to take turns and to put the needs of others before their own. The bond formed between brothers and sisters is lifelong, and stronger than the bond between the closest friends. Boys who have sisters learn the dignity of women. They learn to treat other girls and women with respect, as they consider how they would like their own sisters to be treated. Girls who have brothers learn the complementarity of men and women, both fashioned in the image and likeness of God.

6 Have another child to create a lively and supportive family environment for you (and your parents) to enjoy in old age.

Having children means you can depend on family, rather than strangers for care in your old age. Grandchildren will bring immense joy, happiness, and laughter into your life, all while letting you enjoy peaceful nights of sleep!

7 Have another child because people are our greatest resource.

As beings blessed with intellect and free will, humans possess the capacity to find innovative solutions to our challenges. This ingenuity that is unique to us is irreplaceable. Investing in the next generation benefits not only families but society as a whole.

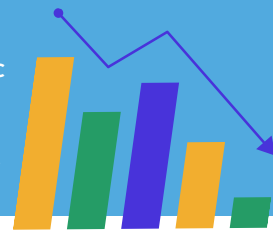


8 Have another child to contribute to the economy.

Families with children are fuel to the economy, purchasing houses and cars and college educations. Without young people to enter the workforce, social security systems fail. Many industries rely upon business from and for children to stay in business. But ultimately, the whole economy does.

9 Have another child to counter the coming global population implosion.

Fertility rates are falling around the world. If current trends continue, world population will peak by the middle of this century and then begin demographic freefalling. Our long-term problem is not too many children, but too few children. Having another child will help offset the coming population implosion.



10 Have another child to help populate heaven and grow the Church.

The child that you and your spouse have been generous in accepting from God was created to return to Him after a life of love, service, and obedience on earth, to spend eternity with God in heaven. Our Lord Himself said that there was plenty of room for those returning souls. There is no concern for overpopulating heaven!

“There are many mansions in my Father’s house.” (John 14:2)

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These reasons are inspired by the work and wisdom of Father Paul Marx, OSB of happy memory.