

NEW YORK STATE
OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICE
RELIGIOUS DESIGNATION OF A CHILD

NOTE: You may use this form to state whether or not you want your child to be cared for by persons of a particular religion. Your wishes will be followed if it is practicable and in the best interests of the child. Religious wishes of a parent include that the child be placed in the same religion as the parent; or in a different religion from the parent; or with indifference to religion; or with religion as a subordinate (less important) consideration. If you do not use the form, we will assume that you want the child to be reared in your religion. This form is voluntary. No one can tell you what to choose.

CHILD'S FULL NAME:

DATE OF BIRTH:

- I am: the birth father of the above child who was born in wedlock.
 the birth mother of the above child who was born in wedlock.
 the only surviving parent of the above child who was born in wedlock.
 I am the father mother of such child.
 the birth mother of the above child who was born out of wedlock.
 the birth father of the above child who was born out of wedlock.

MY NAME IS (Print):

MY RELIGION IS (Print):

It is my wish, where practicable and if consistent with the best interests of the child, that the above named child be placed:

- In the _____ religion (either my religion or another religion.)
 In the _____ religion, but if no home is found for the child within _____ months, then the child may be placed without regard to religion (Adoption Only).
 With religion as a less important (subordinate) concern.
 With indifference to religion.

SIGNATURE:

DATE: