

"I will sustain you and carry you in your old age: I will bear you up when you turn grey; I will carry you, bear you and save you."

(Isaiah 46: 3-4)

collective sense of gratitude, we need to "reawaken the collective sense of gratitude, appreciation and hospitality" (AL 191-193) to the elderly, to restore the dignity and joy of aging. More than that, Pope Francis has often reminded youths that "grandparents are your roots whose foliage (the youth) will wither if not nourished" (WDGE 2022)

By establishing this Day, the Pope is seeking to remind us of the gift of grandparents and the elderly and the important role they play as a link between generations, the elderly and the young, with both recognizing their need for the other and the value such relationships offer. The Holy Father wants us to cultivate **A Culture of Encounter! A Culture of Relationships!**

That is what the **Grandparents and the Elderly Ministry** (GEM for short) in the KL Archdiocese intends to do. Formed in July 2022 into the Archdiocese Family Life Commission, GEM has the following planned:

- June:** A recording of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly for the AFLC website.
- July:** To encourage the celebration of the Mass for Grandparents and the Elderly in all parishes with **creative ways of making its meaning.**
- August:** A half-day formation for the elderly in the Archdiocese

We need to seriously support each other and our elderly with love and gratitude, God bless them! In parishes there are ministries for the Elderly, senior citizens, golden years etc. If there isn't then those interested come together promote this place, for the elderly. Avoid red tape and protocols and focus on celebrating with the elderly persons. ❖

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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH

15th Ordinary Sunday

**SALT OF THE EARTH AND LIGHT OF THE WORLD:
COMMUNION (INCLUSIVE), PARTICIPATION (CREATIVE) & MISSION (BRIDGE BUILDING)**

**MONTHLY FOCUS:
FAMILY AND CARING FOR
THE ELDERLY**

**FOCUS EVENT:
WORLD DAY OF
PARENTS AND ELDERLY**

When Pope Francis instituted World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly in February 2021, (to be celebrated by the whole Church every fourth Sunday of July), he said: "Grandparents are the uniting link between generations, to transmit to the young, the experience of life and faith."

This year the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly (WDGE for short) will be celebrated on 23 July 2023 with the theme "**His mercy is from age to age**" (Luke 1:50).

Since he became Pope, the Holy Father has often reserved his highest praise for the elderly, referring to them as "heroic", "beautiful" and "a treasure", adding, we need to "reawaken the



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