



Pastor's Message

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Maybe some senior parents who have adult children could attest to the truth of the following assertion. In some instances, sometimes it's easier for parents to have their children, than for children to have their parents.

Unfortunately, I have witnessed adult children not being as attentive to the care of their senior parents, as they should. Believe me, I cannot attest to perfection in the attentiveness to my own. And, that is discomfiting to admit. Perhaps, if that is the case for you as an adult son or daughter, it is discomfiting too.

Let us be carefully considerate if the time has arrived to do more than what you have done in the past for them. Indeed, there could be days ahead, when it will not be easy to do so. However, what could be most helpful is to recall what they did for you along the way, until you reached independence and adulthood.

I will never forget an experience I had years ago. One Saturday morning the foreman at the place in which I was employed arrived late. I boldly said to him, "Hey, you're late. I'm doing all the work here!" He replied, "Marc, before I came to the shop, I wanted to visit the cemetery, sit down, and talk to my mom." I gave no response to him after that statement. But, I did wonder. While his mom was alive, did he "sit down and talk to her?" Was there enough hours in his week to share some time with her, at least once in a while?

Perhaps, he did; but, maybe not. Was it his guilt which moved him to do what he did on that Saturday morning? Well, it is all speculation on my part. Nevertheless, the point is, be good as an adult son or daughter by not wavering to "have your parents" when they need you.

Peace,
Fr. Marc