Grandparent Prayer:

God, our heavenly Father, we ask your blessing on these grandparents. We recognize they are treasured gifts to their families and to the parish family. They are valuable links from the past to the future in passing on the faith.

May they be surrounded with love, respect and support as they embrace their unique vocation. May they be strong models for their families and for our parish community. May they be anchors of stability as well as lanterns of faithful witnesses to God’s love.

Lord, bless and empower these grandparents to leave a legacy of faith. Help them share their distinct gifts with their families and all they encounter. Give them joy and peace each day as they follow your Son and lead their grandchildren in the ways of faith, hope, and love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

– Deacon Gary and Kay Aitchison

Grandparent Ministry is vital, as grandparents desire to pass on what is most important to their grandchildren— their faith in Jesus Christ.

We are committed to helping grandparents leave a legacy of faith, whether their grandchildren live next door, across the country, or in their own homes.

For more information, please check out the Archdiocesan Grandparent Ministry webpage:

www.DBQArch.org/Grandparenting
Mission Statement

The Archdiocese of Dubuque believes grandparents have an essential role in evangelizing their own grandchildren through word, action, and witness of faith. Grandparenting Ministry helps grandparents share their love of Jesus with their grandchildren through resources, parish offerings, and gathered events.

Who better than grandparents to pass on the richness of our faith?

“Grandparents are the living memory of the family. They passed on the faith, they transmitted the faith, to us.”
– Pope Francis

“Parents are primary, but grandparents are perfect for passing on the faith!”
– Mary Pedersen, Archdiocese of Dubuque

“How important grandparents are for family life, for passing on the human and religious heritage which is so essential for each and every society.”
– Pope Francis

“What Grandparenting: Leaving a Legacy of Faith offers grandparents in the Archdiocese of Dubuque:

Parish Plan for Grandparent Ministry: The Archdiocesan Grandparenting Manual provides a step-by-step plan for parish implementation of Grandparent Ministry. A parish may choose to offer prayer, study, and support groups as well as parish events/workshops on grandparenting, prayer, and evangelization.

Archdiocesan Plan for Grandparent Ministry:

The Archdiocesan Faith Formation Offices offer parish/cluster consultation for Grandparent Ministry throughout the Archdiocese of Dubuque. We also offer archdiocesan-wide conferences, events, and workshops to educate, inspire, and support grandparents as they leave a legacy of faith.

Archdiocesan Resources and Workshops:

The Archdiocesan Education Resource Center offers a multitude of resources: books on grandparenting, small faith-sharing resources for grandparenting, prayer, and evangelization; current and inspirational videos on the faith.

https://www.dbqarch.org/offices/education-resource-center/

The Archdiocesan Offices also offer workshops catered to your needs as grandparents.

Grandparenting Pinterest Board: