

PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS

by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI

O Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne. Look with love on grandparents the world over.

Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society. Support them! May they continue to be for their families, strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardian of noble domestic ideals, living treasuries of sound religious traditions. Make them teachers of wisdom and courage that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and roles of grandparents. May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love. Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them.

Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland, where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end. Amen.

The Importance of Grandparents in Passing on the Faith

Grandparents are a treasure which the younger generation should not be denied, especially when grandparents bear witness to their faith.

May grandparents continue to be witnesses of unity, of values founded on fidelity and of a unique love that gives rise to faith and the joy of living.

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The desire to be introduced to the mysteries of God is often stronger in small children than in adults. And if children are responded to in the right manner, getting to know and coming closer to God will be within the child's ability.

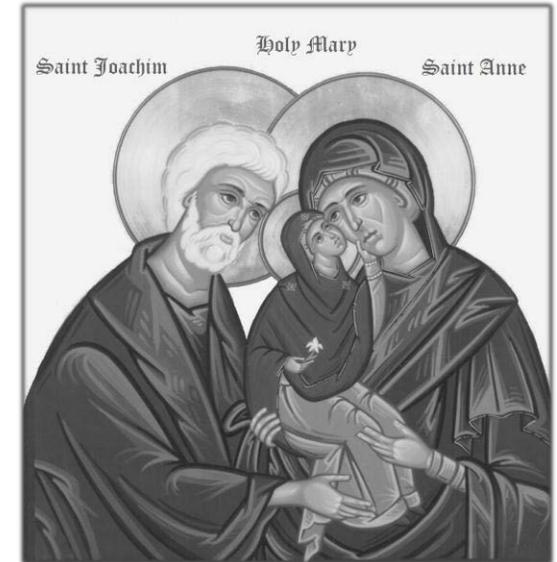
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Grandparents Apostolate of Saints Joachim and Anne

*Supporting Grandparents
in passing on the Catholic faith
to a younger generation*



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Mission Statement

The Grandparents Apostolate of Saints Joachim and Anne is committed to helping grandparents to live holy lives; and to plant seeds of faith, hope and love in the lives of their grandchildren.

Entrusting themselves and their families to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, members live in prayerful hope that their grandchildren will grow up to be men and women who are deeply rooted and built up in Jesus Christ; and that they will be reunited with their grandchildren in heaven someday.



The Grandparents Apostolate is open to all grandparents seeking to further its mission by committing to endeavor to:

PRAY A WEEKLY HOLY HOUR and a ROSARY at their convenience, for the intentions of their grandchildren and for all the children of the world -*ideally prayed in an Adoration Chapel, but could be prayed elsewhere if needed.*

Pray also for parents and teachers who are primarily responsible for the children's instruction and formation; for peers and for any others who have influence on them.

BE A GOOD EXAMPLE by living a life of Christian holiness.

BE A POSTIVE PRESENCE in the life of their grandchildren.

DEVELOP A DEEPER KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING of the Catholic faith and teachings — especially teachings relevant to the lives of their grandchildren.

BE OPEN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT for moments in which to share the Catholic faith and her teachings with their grandchildren.

ENCOURAGE OTHER GRANDPARENTS to join them in prayer; and strengthen each other through prayer, words, and deeds.

Grandparents are also invited to:

- Pray a weekly group rosary on **Tuesdays at 8:45 a.m.** in the Nativity Church. If unable to join, could be prayed in communion with the group from elsewhere.
- Attend enrichment gatherings focused on practical grandparenting tips, prayer, love of God, and passing on the Catholic faith to grandchildren.
- Celebrate the vocation of being a Grandparent on July 26th, the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne.

TO BECOME A MEMBER

Simply let us know of your wish to join this endeavor in living a life of holiness, developing a deeper knowledge of the Catholic faith, and sharing it with your grandchildren.

Spiritual grandparents are also welcome.

For more information, you may contact us by attending an event or by phone.

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