

A Message from the CCCB Standing Committee for Family and Life

First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

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More about this special day

Amid the global pandemic, on 31 January 2021, Pope Francis instituted the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will take place each year on the fourth Sunday in July, close to the feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, Jesus' grandparents. In Canada and around the world, we are invited never to forget our grandparents and elderly persons, cherishing them as essential members of the Church and society.

On Sunday, 25 July 2021, this first World Day resonates well within Pope Francis' broader initiative of the *Amoris Laetitia Family Year* (19 March 2021 – June 2022). Pastoral care of the elderly is an urgent responsibility of the Christian community, calling us to spend time with one another relating and sharing in intergenerational conversations. Young people are especially encouraged to enter into dialogue with older generations and find time to dream together about our hopes for a better world.