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FAMILY LIFE



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Include Grandparents in your NFP Week activities!

Dear Pastor/Administrator and Parish Staff,

Last year, Pope Francis established throughout the Church the celebration of the **World Day for Grandparents and Elderly** on the fourth Sunday of July, near the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

This year, **Sunday, July 24th** is the **2nd World Day for Grandparents and Elderly**. It is also the beginning of **National NFP Awareness Week (July 24 - July 30)**. This provides a great opportunity to consider raising up the noble role of grandparents in your NFP Week activities that promote Church teaching on marriage, conjugal love and responsible parenthood, family, and Natural Family Planning/Fertility Awareness. As such, it is suitable for NFP Week celebrations to include reflection upon the vital role that grandparents play in the lives of their grandchildren.

“The theme for this year's celebration is ‘In Old Age They Will Still Bear Fruit’ (Ps. 92:15). The theme is meant to emphasize how grandparents are a gift both to society and the Church.”¹

For resources to celebrate both observances, visit:

- <https://www.usccb.org/topics/marriage-and-family-life-ministries/grandparents-elderly>
- <https://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org/worlddayforgrandparentsandtheelderly/>

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In Christ,

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