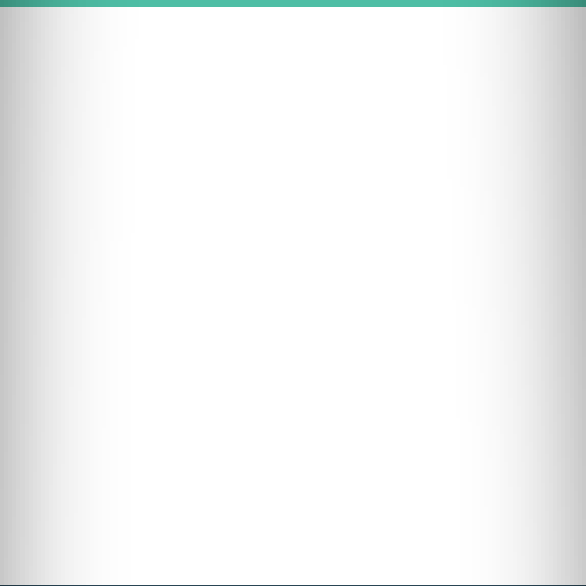




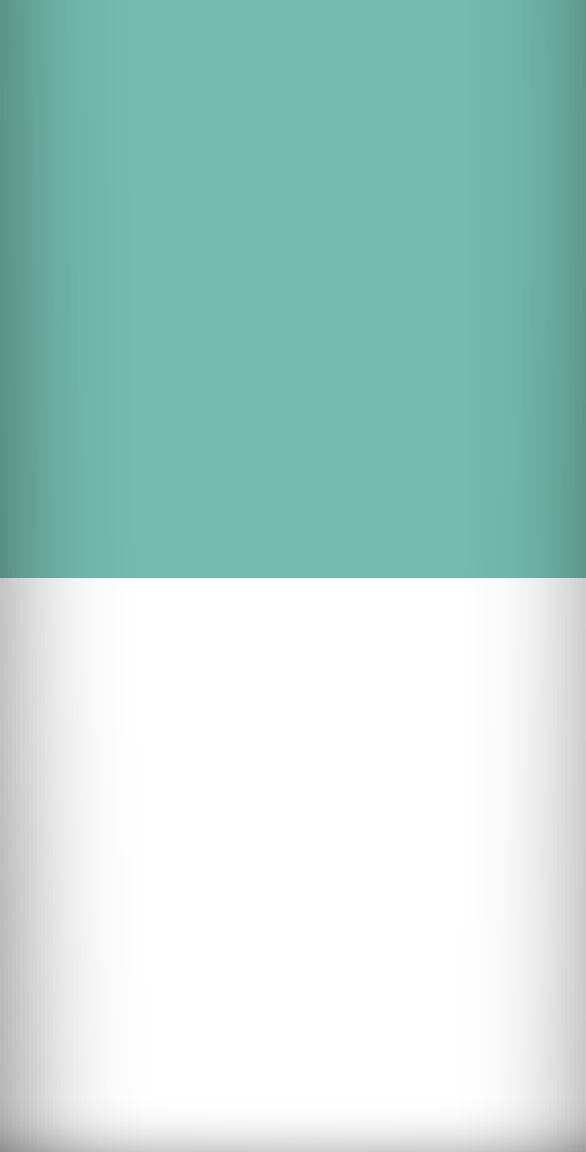
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## Invitation to take part in World Day for Grandparents & The Elderly

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We are pleased to share with each of you the announcement from Pope Francis of The Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly which will be celebrated on Sunday, July 23. The theme chosen by the Holy Father is **"His mercy is from age to age"** (Lk 1:50), which expresses the link with World Youth Day which will take place a few days later in Lisbon (1-6 August 2023).

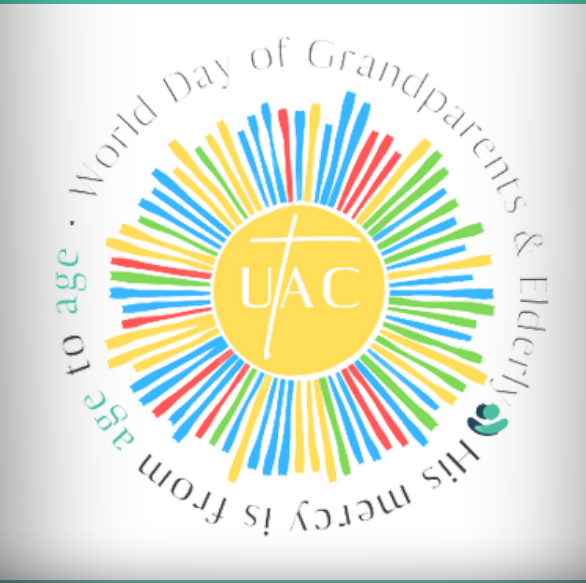
On this Day, the Holy Father will preside over a Eucharistic liturgy in St. Peter's Basilica and invites parishes, dioceses, associations, and ecclesial communities from all over the world to celebrate the Day in their own pastoral context.

The theme was chosen to be in tune with that of the World Youth Day in Lisbon: *Mary arose and went with haste*, taken from Luke's Gospel. Even the short passage "His mercy from age to age" is taken from Luke's Gospel and is the end of the first part of the Magnificat, when Mary immediately goes to meet her elderly cousin Elizabeth after the Angel's annunciation. Thus, it is a theme that highlights the importance of dialogue between generations, which is fundamental for perceiving and contemplating God's merciful action on behalf of human beings. Indeed, dialogue between the elderly and the young helps to obtain a more complete vision of the way in which a more humane and fraternal society can be built.

During a recent interview with the Secretary of the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life when asked about Grandparents Day he stated "The Pope has always cherished this theme. Since the beginning of his pontificate, he has insisted on overcoming the "throwaway culture" and embarking on a culture of relationships. Today we all know that we live in a society where the elderly are not at the center. The Holy Father's reflection prompts us to ask some soul-searching questions, "What do we do for the elderly? How do we take care of them? Does our aging population feel lonely? Do they truly have dignity?" Here, we have to put the aging person at the center and learn from them, and have a desire to think about them and desire to know how they are doing. These, in my opinion, are some of the fruits that the Pope's reflection has encouraged in each of us. The Day also serves to introduce into our hearts the desire to think and look for solutions for giving greater dignity to our grandparents."



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## Fr. Mateus Bastos SAC, of Brazil

We, as members of the Union of the Catholic Apostolate, would like to honor and celebrate all Grandparents and Elderly/Aging people among us. **During the next few months leading up to July 23 we are asking that members share testimonials about being a grandparent, honoring your own grandparents, sharing comments about the elderly in your life and the way you are enriched by these relationships.**

Sharing pictures of these important people in your life is also encouraged. Please keep your submission to a maximum of 100 words - 10 sentences - and submit it in your personal language. We will "spotlight" the submissions on our website each week until the special day culminated by Mass in Rome.

We encourage you to check our website portal, which has been designated for this special event, on a regular basis to enjoy the updates.

[www.vincenzopallotti.org/worldgrandparentsday](http://www.vincenzopallotti.org/worldgrandparentsday)

Furthermore, the Vatican's official website for the Holy Father's initiative can be found here:

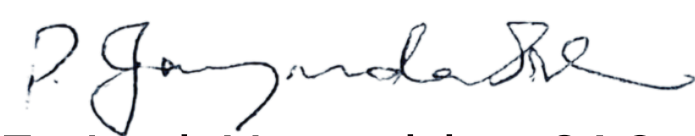
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Submissions can be sent to [mission@vincenzopallotti.org](mailto:mission@vincenzopallotti.org), or through the form on our portal.

As a grandmother (Nana) myself to three grandchildren, I always tell people that the special gift of becoming a grandparent is the experience of feeling the greatest love you will ever know. It is truly a gift from God and one of the best gifts you will ever receive. I look forward to hearing your words, too.



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Second Sunday of May - Mother's Day in many countries around the world