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Excellency,

on the occasion of the message for the second *World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly*, the Holy Father wrote that it "is an occasion to say once again, with joy, that the Church wants to celebrate together with those whom the Lord - as the Bible says - has 'satiated with days.' Let us celebrate it together! I invite you to announce this *Day* in your parishes and communities; to visit the elderly who are most alone at home or in the residences where they are guests. Let us make sure that no one lives this day in loneliness."

To respond to this invitation, it is our desire that the celebration of the *Day* be carried out, as far as possible, in each parish, diocesan or associative reality in the ways that best suit its own pastoral needs. For this reason, we have prepared some pastoral tools that, we hope, will be of help to those who are preparing to organize initiatives to celebrate it. These are the Holy Father's message, his catecheses on the theme of old age and the official prayer for the *Day*, along with some pastoral suggestions; you will find them attached to this letter and on our Dicastery's website <http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/eventi/2022/ii-giornata-mondiale-dei-nonni-e-degli-anziani.html>.

They are adaptable tools, designed to enable those who wish to do so to plan adequately for the celebration of the *Day* and, for this reason, we invite you to forward this present letter and its attachments to all the

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bishops who are part of the Bishops' Conference or the Eastern Hierarchical Structure that you preside over.

Aware of the multiplicity and variety of initiatives that will be put in place, we would be grateful if they would be accompanied by the official logo of the *Day* and the hashtag #ElderlyandGrandparents.

In the hope that the celebration of the *Day* will be an opportunity to convey to our grandparents and elders the closeness of the Church, I send you cordial greetings in Christ.


Kevin Card. Farrell
Prefect