

# Catholic Grandparents Association

Ministry Resources - February 2021

*Grandparents are a treasure - Pope Francis*



**Happy Valentine's Day  
to all our lovely  
grandparents!**



Welcome to the new resource leaflet from the Catholic Grandparents Association. These are short and sweet snippets to resource you and your ministry group! Please do check out the new resource section on our website for lots more ministry resources and ideas:

[www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.com/resources](http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.com/resources).

## Celebrating 'Amoris Laetitia Family Year'



On 19 March 2021, the Church will celebrate five years since the publication of the Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* on the beauty and joy of love in the family. On the same day, Pope Francis will launch the Year "Amoris Laetitia Family", which will conclude on 26 June 2022, on the occasion of the Tenth World Meeting of Families in Rome. There is a specially dedicated website from which you can download materials including the launch video for the year on [www.laityfamilylife.va](http://www.laityfamilylife.va).

### Let's talk about family:

We are offering you a prompt or a theme that you might consider for your Grandparents' Ministry meetings. This month we are asking you how you can share positive vibes in your family at a time when many of us are isolating and staying home to keep safe during this time of Covid-19. We would love to hear what comes up in response - [info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.com](mailto:info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.com).

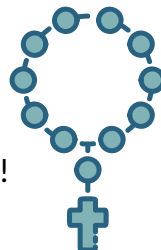
## Saints Joachim and Anne: Holy, Strategic Grandparents

"Joachim and Anne began their influence as grandparents to Jesus by being parents to Mary. They must have told her the story of her birth, especially the part about the angels. That might be why Mary was so willing to accept the words spoken to her by an angel at the Annunciation." - Michael Shaughnessy. Read the full article on our website [www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.com](http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.com).



### Cardinal Newman's Prayer

May He support us all the day long,  
till the shades lengthen, and the evening comes,  
and the busy world is hushed,  
and the fever of life is over, and our work is done!  
Then in His mercy may He give us safe lodging,  
and a holy rest, and peace at the last. **Amen**



### The Catechism in a Year

The 'Catechism in a Year' is a short daily podcast by Fr Neil Xavier O'Donoghue who shares excerpts from the Catechism of the Catholic Church and aims to take you all the way through it in a calendar year. You can start any time. Find out more on [www.fatherneil.com](http://www.fatherneil.com).

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