



**"Advent is a continuous call to hope."  
- Pope Francis**



Welcome to the resource leaflet from the Catholic Grandparents Association. These are short snippets to resource you and your ministry group! Please do check out the resources section on our website for lots more materials and ideas: [www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.com](http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.com).

### Digital Advent Calendar to help you prepare spiritually for Christmas



Advent begins on Sunday 28 November and we will be sharing resources throughout the month of December to help you prepare spiritually for Christmas. One of these resources is a Digital Advent Calendar. Launching the Advent Calendar this week, Archbishop Eamon Martin, President of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, said, "During Advent, let us reflect on the eternal message of Christmas, which is, Christ is alive and that He is our hope." You can check out the Advent Calendar and other resources on our website [www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org](http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org).

### A discussion topic for December Ministry Meetings

We have been focusing a lot over the past two months on Remembrance as we remembered our loved ones who are no longer with us. A suggested discussion topic for Ministry meetings during December might be 'how can we as Grandparents ensure that the stories of our ancestors, our families live on in future generations?' During our November Faith Café our founder Catherine Wiley felt that one way was to anchor our grandchildren into the lives of the generations before them through sharing stories. We would love to hear what suggestions come up at your meetings. Please drop us an email to [info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.org](mailto:info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.org)



### Bambinelli Sunday Resource



The Blessing of the Bambinelli (Baby Jesus) is a tradition which began in Rome. Each year on the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday), the Holy Father invites children to bring the Baby Jesus (Bambinelli) from the family Nativity scene to Mass for a blessing. The CGA has been promoting this initiative in parishes for a number of years and has a downloadable resource available now on our website. Please download it and spread the word about this wonderful Advent tradition for families. See [www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org](http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org).