

Catholic Grandparents Association

Newsletter Easter 2022



**We are an Easter people
and Alleluia is our song!**

Welcome to the Easter edition of our newsletter. I take this opportunity to wish all of you a very Happy Easter. A Happy Easter is something that seems contradictory when so many people are still very much living out a Good Friday experience as the war continues to rage in Ukraine. I ask all you dear Grandparents around the world to continue to pray for a ceasefire and ultimately for peace in the region. I also ask you to support the humanitarian efforts that are being undertaken by so many individuals and organisations. May God be with the people of Ukraine!

We have had a busy and fruitful time since we last shared a newsletter with you. You can read more about our activities inside this newsletter. We are beginning to look forward to the World Meeting of Families in Rome from 22-26 June and to the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on 24 July. We are just finishing updating our resources for the World Day and will shortly be emailing you all with details of what you can download for use in your dioceses, parishes and ministries. This year we are including a Peace Card as part of our resources. Please keep an eye on our website and social media for more information - www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org.



Catherine Wiley, Founder of the CGA

FAITH CAFÉS FOCUS ON PASSING ON THE FAITH

The Grandparents' Faith Café met online on Tuesday 8 February with guest speaker Dana Rosemary Scallon and on Tuesday 8 March with guest speaker Father Enda Brady.

Both Dana and Father Enda shared their thoughts on passing on the faith. Dana spoke fondly about her Grandmother and shared some of the tips that she uses to pass on the faith with her own family. Father Enda spoke about Baptism and the importance of the role of Grandparents in passing on the faith.

The CGA was delighted to welcome Cardinal Wilfred Napier to the March Faith Café. Cardinal Napier shared memories of his father and the importance of remembering and celebrating not just our birthdays but the date we were baptised. You can listen to some snippets from both the February and March Faith Café gatherings on the brand new CGA Podcast.

CGA PODCAST

We are delighted to announce that we have a new monthly podcast called Grandparents' Faith Café which is a companion to our Faith Café meetings. In the latest episode we hear from CGA Founder Catherine Wiley and the CGA's International Ministry Co-ordinator Marilyn Henry about the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. You can find the podcast on Anchor FM and on Spotify. We will also be making it available on Apple and Google podcast platforms. For more see the new podcast page on www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org.



Save the date for the May Faith Café

We are delighted to announce that the guest speaker for our May Faith Café is Father Willie Purcell, National Coordinator for Diocesan Vocations with the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

We look forward to welcoming you on Tuesday 10 May. Self-registration is open now on our website. Just follow the Faith Café link on catholicgrandparentsassociation.org.



A WARM WELCOME IN THE DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND

Grandparents are vital at passing on the faith. This was the central message at the St Joachim and St Anne workshop which was offered by the Diocese of Cleveland, USA on 28 March. The CGA was delighted to be represented at the event by Marilyn Henry. The workshop offered those gathered an opportunity to talk about Pope Francis' vision of the role of Grandparents, to learn where your grandchildren are coming from in relation to the faith, and to learn how to do more to pass on the faith to them. We felt right at home!



The workshop was one of a series of four offered through the Vicar of Evangelization in collaboration with the Offices of Missionary Discipleship, Marriage and Family Ministry, Youth Ministry and Young Adult Ministry.



Pictured right are Marilyn Henry with the Bishop of Cleveland Edward C. Malesic receiving the CGA presentation medal. Also pictured are Fr. Damian Ference, Vicar of Evangelisation and Secretary for Parish Life and Special Ministries and Ms Terri Yohman, Director of Marriage and Family Life. For more information on upcoming workshops see www.dioceseofcleveland.org.

THEME ANNOUNCED FOR WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 2022



"In old age they will still bear fruit" is the theme chosen by Pope Francis for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 2022. The Holy Father said, "I have chosen this theme for the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, to be held on 24 July 2022, to promote dialogue among the generations, especially between grandparents and grandchildren. It is very important to bring together the wisdom of the elderly and the enthusiasm of the young. The encounter between grandparents and grandchildren is key, especially in this moment of economic and social crisis that humanity is undergoing."

The full text of this year's message should be available soon. For more see www.laityfamilylife.va.

GRANDPARENTS' PILGRIMAGES SET FOR JULY 24TH

We are delighted to announce details of the celebrants for our National Grandparents' Pilgrimage Masses at Knock Shrine in Ireland and at Walsingham Shrine in the UK, on Sunday 24 July. Our new patron, Archbishop Francis Duffy, Archbishop of Tuam, will be the Principal Celebrant at Knock Shrine while Bishop David Oakley, Bishop of Northampton and Chair of the Office for Marriage and Family Life of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales will be the celebrant in Walsingham.



We invite you to save the date and we hope to be able to be joined by many Grandparents in person this year. Keep an eye on our website for more information closer to the time!

MAKE A DONATION TO SUPPORT OUR WORK IN 2022



The CGA is looking for your help so as we can continue our vital ministry of evangelisation and support of Grandparents in their faith. We are asking for a donation so as we can continue to plan events and resource you with materials into 2022 and beyond.

There are many ways you can support us: You can use Paypal on our website, request our bank details for a bank transfer or send us a cheque. Please email us and we will make sure that you can send us a donation in the cost convenient way for you.

Thank you in advance!

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