



Passing on the faith and keeping prayer at the heart of family life



My Very Dear Grandparents and Friends,

Wishing all of you a happy, healthy, blessed New Year full of peace, love and serenity. We are delighted to share our January Newsletter with you – encouraging and supporting all of us Grandparents in passing on the faith and keeping prayer at the heart of family life.

January is a time when our Church begins Ordinary time and we, as Grandparents, strive to make new resolutions and commitments in these extraordinary times in which we live.

We also want to take this time to say a little prayer for those who were called home in 2023. May God grant them eternal rest in the loving arms of Jesus as they wait to be reunited with their earthly family.

The CGA was again blessed in 2023. The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly continues to grow worldwide as more and more Dioceses and Parishes are recognizing and celebrating this momentous day – your day, our day. The World Day is a catalyst for creating awareness of the enormous contributions Grandparents make in our families, our Church and society. It's not too early to begin planning for World Day 2024. As soon as the Vatican announces this year's theme, we'll make our resources available to you.

Our monthly Faith Café via Zoom continues to grow drawing Grandparents and friends from across the globe – Australia, Ireland, Malta, the US, Zimbabwe, England, the Philippines, South Africa, etc. Please spread the word and plan to join us on February 13 as we welcome Mrs. Kimberly Hahn as our Guest Speaker.

If you haven't found a Ministry for Grandparents near you to join, please drop us a line at info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.org.

And if there's not one nearby, consider starting this important Ministry in your parish in 2024. We walk you through all the steps, provide mentorship and on-going

support.

Please keep tuned in and watch for more exciting announcements and endeavors from us in 2024. Invite your friends and family to get involved.

And we couldn't do any of this without the leadership, support and prayers of holy men and women who have dedicated their lives in serving God's Kingdom as Priests, Deacons and consecrated persons. As we look forward to and prepare for the Holy Jubilee Year in 2025, we thank our Holy Father, Pope Francis for his passion, love and encouragement. We join our prayers with theirs.

So, Grandparents and friends, please join me in renewing our commitment to pass on our faith and keep prayer at the heart of family life. Let's commit to reaching more Grandparents in 2024 through this conduit of faith entrusted to us, the Catholic Grandparents Association. Together we weave a beautiful tapestry of faith, love and wisdom. We are blessed and grateful for all of you. Let's make 2024 another Grand year.

God Bless you all



With love and prayers

Catherine Wiley Founder of The Catholic Grandparents Association

A Prayer for the New Year

May God make our year a happy one,
By strengthening us to bear it, as it comes;
By making us sturdy to travel any path;
By taking fear from our heart;
By keeping our face bright, even in the shadows;
By showing us when people need us most,
and by making us willing to be there to help.
God's love, peace, hope and joy
to us for the year ahead.

Amen



HAPPY
New Year
2024

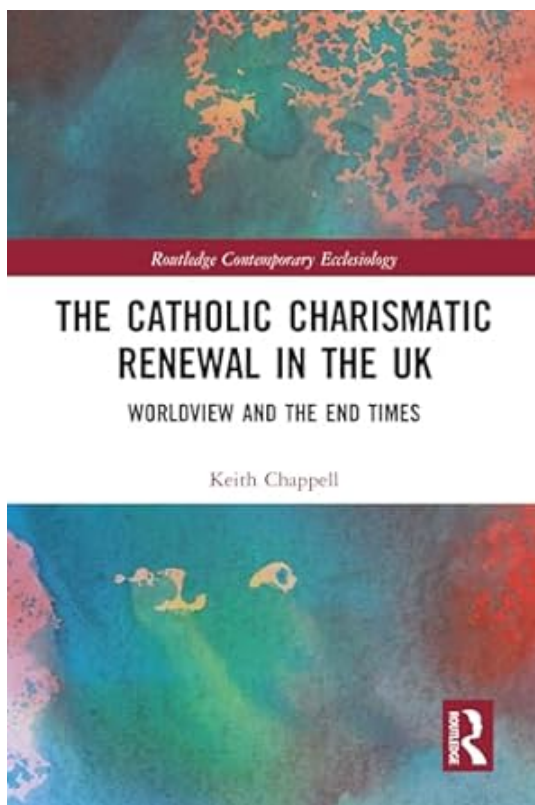


A Fantastic gathering for our Faith Café on 'Grandparents as Mediators'

We would like to thank everyone who attended our Faith Café on 9th January with our guest speaker **Keith Chappell**, who gave us an insightful and wonderful talk.

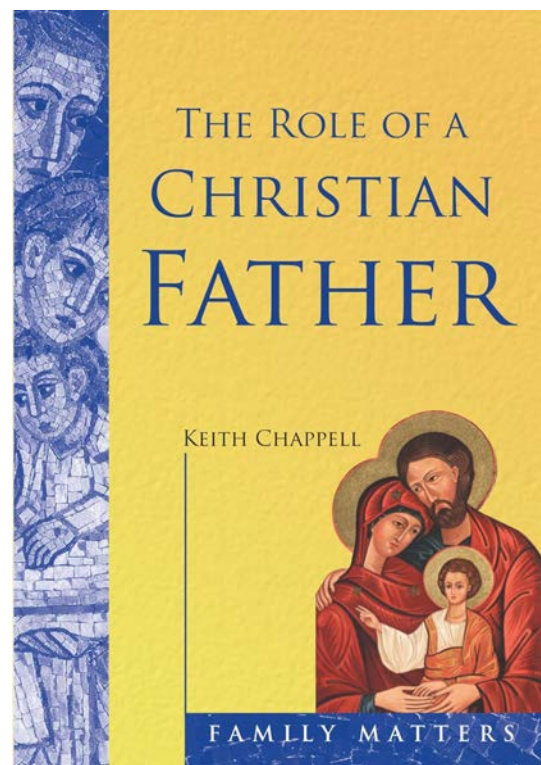
We look forward to our next session on Tuesday 13th February.

Keith Chappell Books



The Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the UK: Worldview and the End Times (Routledge Contemporary Ecclesiology)

Combining ethnographic research with theological analysis, this book explores how the Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR), one of the largest new movements within the



Role of a Christian Father: Fatherhood in the Modern World (Family Matters)

In a time when the very idea of the Christian family is being lost, the role of the father has been devalued to the point of seeming optional. This booklet looks at this most delicate but formative of relationships exploring it historically, and in the scriptures but also giving present-day examples and

global Catholic Church, has developed in contemporary Britain and Northern Ireland.

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practical advice on how a father can lead his children and his family to fulfilment, happiness and faith.

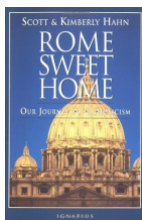
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Our next Faith Café Tuesday 13th February

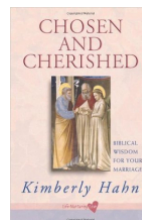
SAVE THE DATE

Kimberly Hahn is a former Presbyterian whose father was a minister. She entered the Catholic Church in 1990, four years after her husband, Scott Hahn. The couple recount their conversion story in their book, *“Rome Sweet Home, Our Journey to Catholicism,”* in which Kimberly discusses her struggles with some Catholic beliefs before being received into the Church in 1990. She holds a Master of Arts in Theology Degree from Gordon-Cornwell Theological Seminary, and is the author of several books. She resides in Ohio with her husband of 40 years where they enjoy their eight grandchildren.



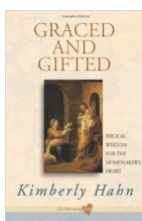
Rome Sweet Home: Our Journey to Catholicism

In *Rome Sweet Home: Our Journey to Catholicism*, Scott Hahn and his wife Kimberly share their moving testimony of the grace and the trials that led Scott, in 1986, and Kimberly, in 1990, from Presbyterianism to the Catholic Church.



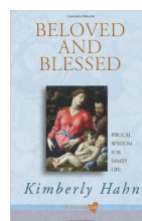
Chosen and Cherished: Biblical Wisdom for Your Marriage

The first volume in the Life-Nurturing Love series of Bible studies based on Proverbs 31, *Chosen and Cherished: Biblical Wisdom for Your Marriage* offers tools to help you build your marriage on the firm foundation of faith.



Graced and Gifted: Biblical Wisdom For the Homemakers Heart

The second volume in the Life-Nurturing Love series of Bible studies based on Proverbs 31, *Graced and Gifted: Biblical*



Beloved and Blessed: Biblical Wisdom for Family Life

The third in a series of Bible studies based on Proverbs 31, *Beloved and Blessed* offers tools to help you strengthen

Wisdom For the Homemakers
Heart offers tools to help you
create a home that will be a
place of beauty and peace
where the needs of your loved
ones are met.

your marriage and raise your
children, creating a civilization
of love in your home.

Pope's January prayer intention: For gift of diversity in the Church

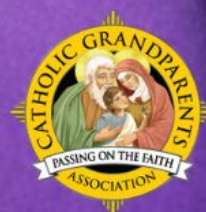
Pope Francis releases his prayer intention for the month of January, and invites Christians to embrace the diversity of charisms in the Church as a richness.

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Lent is a favourable time
to seek out - and not to
avoid - those in need;
to reach out - and not to
ignore - those who need a
sympathetic ear
and a good word;
to visit - and not to abandon
- those who are lonely.

POPE FRANCIS



Lent begins this year on Wednesday February 14th

We will be sharing resources each day of Lent on our website and social media pages. These will include prayers, quotes and ideas, especially those for use in the context of sharing faith. If your CGA Ministry or Parish is running a Lenten initiative this year then please let us know.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

23 July 2023



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TAMILNADU, INDIA.

THANK YOU



□ GIVE A GIFT THIS NEW YEAR □

Grandparents Meals in India

As we launched our support in our Faith Cafe providing nutritious food ONCE A DAY TO poor grandparents, orphan children and abandoned women in two villages of Kuppam (25) and Kumilankuzhi (25) in Ariyalur district, Tamil Nadu, South India.

Your support is invaluable and makes a significant impact on Grandparents Meals, we appreciate your kindness and commitment to making a positive difference.

We were delighted to receive updates in our video below. For Christmas we helped provide a Christmas package to the poor Grandparents, each family received a package of €6, 5 kilos of rice, Oil, Chilli powder, Dal and other spices needed for cooking.

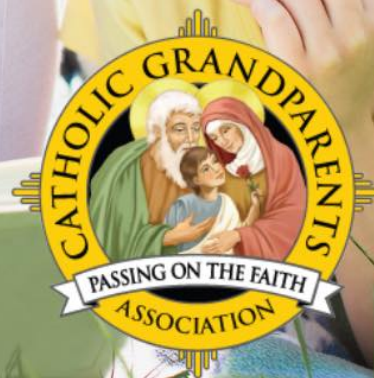
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Life is a gift, and when it is long it is a privilege. The “wealth of many years” is a wealth in terms of the persons themselves, their experience and history. – Pope Francis



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CGA Medal

Our exclusive medal is available to purchase online.



CGA Holy Family Picture

This is a wonderful picture of the Holy Family which features Saint Joachim, Saint Anne, Mary, Joseph and Jesus.



Pope Benedict XVI's Prayer for Grandparents

This is a beautiful memento version of the wonderful prayer written at our request by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.



CGA Badge

Our popular badges are available to order. These are typically ordered by our ministry leaders and as gifts for Grandparents.



There is a candle lighting for all of your intentions at the Shrine of our Lady of Knock in Ireland



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