

# Excerpts from Pope Francis' Message for the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly (7.25.21)

"The whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!"

"[The vocation of the elderly] is to preserve our roots, to pass on the faith to the young, and to care for the little ones."

"[Y]ou are needed in order to help build, in fraternity and social friendship, the world of tomorrow..."

"Our dreams of justice, of peace, of solidarity can make it possible for our young people to have new visions; ... together, we can build the future."

"Keeping memory alive is a true mission for every elderly person: keeping memory alive and sharing it with others."

"Your prayer is a very precious resource: a deep breath that the Church and the world urgently need."

"[T]here is no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel and handing down traditions..."

