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Excellency,

with the Message for the third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, the Holy Father addressed an "invitation to all - dioceses, parishes, associations, communities - to celebrate it, putting at the center the overflowing joy of a renewed encounter between young and old."

For this reason, we have prepared some pastoral aids that, we hope, will be of help to those who are preparing to organize initiatives to celebrate it. In addition to the Holy Father's Message, you will find attached to this and on our [Dicastery's website](#) his catechesis on the theme of old age, the official prayer for the Day and some pastoral suggestions.

We would be grateful if you would see to it that this letter and the enclosures are forwarded to the bishops who are part of the Episcopal Conference or the Eastern Hierarchical Structure over which you preside.

Aware of the multiplicity and variety of the initiatives that will be put in place, we kindly ask that you accompany them with the official logo of the Day, which you may freely use, and with the hashtag #ElderlyandGrandparents.

Hoping that the celebration of the Day will be an opportunity to convey to grandparents and the elderly the closeness of the Church, I send you cordial greetings in Christ.

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