



National Grandparents Pilgrimage

Sunday September 8th 2019

Our Lady of Knock Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo

Chief Celebrants:

Bishop Kevin Doran - Bishop of Elphin

Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo - Apostolic Nuncio

Choir & Musicians:

Combined Choirs of Knock Parish

Directed by Una Nolan, Director of Music Knock Shrine

Reflection by: Catherine Wiley - Founder of The CGA

Special Guests:

Dana, sings 'Our Lady of Knock'
Cathal Gavin, sings 'Voice of an Angel'

Children's Prayer Appeal

An invitation to all children to write a prayer for their Grandparents.
All prayers will be blessed at the pilgrimage. Please send prayers to our office.

2.30pm - Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick with Music and Song

3.00pm - Pilgrimage Mass followed by the Rosary



Pope Benedict XVI

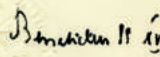
PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS

Lord Jesus,
you were born of the Virgin Mary,
the daughter of Saints Joachim
and Anne.
Look with love on grandparents
the world over.
Protect them! They are a source of
enrichment for families, for the Church
and for all of society.

Support them! As they grow older,
may they continue to be
for their families
strong pillars of Gospel faith,
guardians of noble domestic ideals,
living treasuries of sound
religious traditions.
Make them teachers of
wisdom and courage,
that they may pass on to future
generations the fruits of their mature
human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus, help families and society
to value the presence and
roles of grandparents.
May they never be ignored or excluded,
but always encounter respect and love.
Help them to live serenely and to feel
welcomed in all the years of life which
you give them.

Mary, Mother of all the living,
keep grandparents constantly
in your care,
accompany them on their
earthly pilgrimage,
and by your prayers, grant
that all families
may one day be reunited in our
heavenly homeland, where
you await all humanity for
the great embrace of life without end.
Amen!


Benedictus 16^{us}

Composed for the CGA by Pope
Benedict XVI - 2008