# WHAT IS WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES?



WMOF is the acronym for World Meeting of Families, founded by Pope John Paul II in 1994.

The United Nations declared the "International Year of the Family" in 1994 and as a response, Pope John Paul II incorporated this celebration of family within our Church by creating the first World Meeting of Families in Rome that October. It has since been held every 3 years in different places around the world.

WMOF was first promoted by the Pontifical Council for the Family, which later merged with the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life. The event has always started and concluded with an international Theological-Pastoral Congress, in the presence of the Pope, along with a Vigil and Festival of Families and a great final Eucharistic celebration.

> FAMILY LOVE: VOCATION AND WAY TO HOLINESS

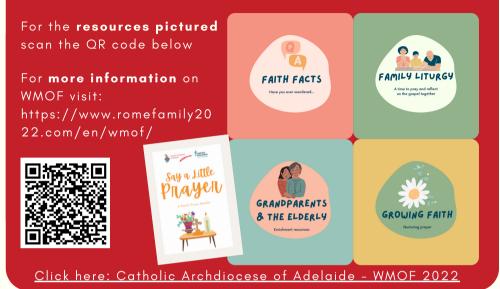
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#### WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES- JUNE 24-26

# FAMILY & FAITH RESOURCES



# WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & The elderly- July 24

Pope Francis has announced July 24 as a day to celebrate the importance of grandparents to family life, and how grandparents and the elderly are a value and a gift both for society and for church communities.

This falls just before the Feast of St Anne & St Joachim, grandparents of Jesus July 26.

#### For more information visit:

https://www.catholic.org.au/grandparents



## **CELEBRATING WMOF 2022**

As a family, be in touch with your parish-school to find out about any events that will be celebrating WMOF this June.



You are invited to celebrate this day in a creative way which is fitting of your family context!

#### LOCATE YOUR LOCAL PARISH

Visit: https://adelaide.catholic.org.au/parishes-and-masstimes/find-a-church-or-community.

## SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNION

To receive these Sacraments or for more information contact your local parish community.

### NURTURING THE MIND & HEART

Catholic Resource Information Service has an abundance of resources for all ages- grandparents, parents and children. https://www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/about/catholic-resourceand-information-service

# FAITH ENRICHMENT GATHERINGS

For parents/ caregivers to explore and share ways of enriching your personal and family life. Contact the Family Faith Formation Team.

With every thanks and blessing as you engage in this wonderful opportunity



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