

LITURGY BYTES

Praying Grandparents



A GRANDPARENT'S
love
STAYS WITH YOU
WHEREVER
you go.

Recently, I came across an old calendar marking Grandparents' Day on a particular Sunday. This reminder drew me to my days as a Director of Religious Education where I met and spoke to numerous grandmothers and grandfathers who were assuming the role of bringing the Faith to their young grandchildren.

As a grandparent of four from my Hahn family side, and in recent days of another four from my Hall family marriage, I reflected on the various stages of life that all eight of these wonderful young people are engaged in.

I am sure, if you wear the "grandparent hat," you understand exactly what I mean. Some of our wonderful grands are babies, some are toddlers, some are in the early years of elementary school, or are entering middle and high school. We have some in college and beyond, as well as starting careers and also preparing for marriage.

No matter which of the above categories yours might be in, you love them, worry about them, and are so very proud of them! You are over the moon to be with them, celebrate their accomplishments in school, or out on the field, the gym or at the recital. No matter their age, they are precious.

Think about a special gift we can give to our grands that doesn't mean writing a check, getting in the car, or picking up the telephone. It dawned on me when I saw the Grandparents' Day notation I mentioned above ----- what about prayer?? In my *Catholic Grandparents Handbook*, I found these words. Please keep them handy for your special ones or to share with another grandparent.

Kind and loving God, I humbly implore you to guide and protect my grandchildren. Shower them with your love. Keep them safe from all harm. Help them to grow in faith and in holiness. Amen.

Have a blessed, joyful, healthy, and "grand" week ahead! ~ *Michele Hall*