



National Grandparents Pilgrimage

Sunday 13th September 2009
Our Lady of Knock Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo

Chief Celebrant:
Cardinal Seán Brady
Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland

Guest Singers:
**Fr. Liam Lawton
& Dana**

Children's Prayer Appeal:
Invitation to all Grandchildren to write a prayer for their Grandparents. All prayers will be blessed at the pilgrimage.

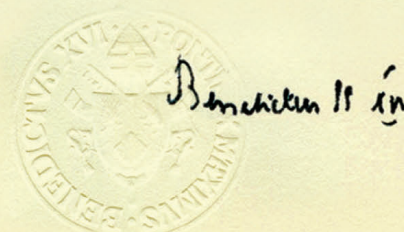
Choral singing by: Mayo School of Music Youth Choir,
Cill Aodáin Choral Society & Our Lady's Choir, Castlebar
2.00pm - Anointing of the Sick with music and song
3.00pm - Pilgrimage Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration



Pope Benedict XVI's 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!



This Universal Prayer for Grandparents was composed by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI in 2008 for The National Grandparents Pilgrimage