

Title: National Grandparents Day 9/13/2020

This month we have two National days to celebrate – Labor Day on 9/07 and Grandparents Day on 9/13. Due to the COVID, life these days seems hard and from day to day we don't know what to expect, so I thought we might reflect on our fondest memory of a grandparent.

First of all did you know that in 1979, President Jimmy Carter proclaimed the first Sunday after Labor Day each year would be recognized as National Grandparents Day. The month of September was chosen to signify the autumn years of life.

If you are a Grandparent - a few thoughts for you. You have a unique chance—an unbelievable opportunity, really – to influence several generations...because the example you give your grandchildren will stay with them throughout their lives and have an impact on how they relate to their own children and grandchildren.

Your special bond with your grandchildren lets you play so many wonderful roles! You can be a caretaker, storyteller, family historian, mentor,

confidant and negotiator between child and parent. When a child has a strong emotional tie to a grandparent, they don't have to perform for grandparents the way they must for their parents, peers, and teachers. The love of grandparents comes with no strings attached.

Because of your special and unique relationship, you have an opportunity like no one else to lead your precious grandchildren to God. Grandparents have gone through many hardships and yet because they are faithful in their faith they have a great impact on children. Teach them with your words, but even more by your examples. In other words, share with them the wisdom that earned you your gray hairs.

If you are not a grandparent, then what are your fondest memories of your grandparents?