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DIocese OF PALM BEACH TO HOST FIRST UNITED STATES GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE

On September 26, 2009 the Catholic Diocese of Palm Beach will be first United States host of the National Grandparents Pilgrimage consisting of a Mass celebrated by Most Rev. Gerald M. Barbarito, in honor of all grandparents and the special role they play in family life and faith formation. All families are invited to attend the Mass scheduled for 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Ignatius Loyola, 9999 N. Military Trail, Palm Beach Gardens, FL. A light reception will follow in the Cathedral Hall. The National Grandparents Pilgrimage supports and encourages grandparents in the transmission of the faith. A Universal Prayer for Grandparents was composed by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI in 2008 for the National Grandparents Pilgrimage which has touched many countries around the world.

Grandparents play vital roles in holding families together and passing on the faith which is why the Diocese of Palm Beach hopes that many grandparents and their families will turn out for this special day designed after Ireland's annual National Grandparents Pilgrimage which began in 2007 in Knock Shrine in County Mayo.

All will receive a special prayer for Grandparents composed by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI and during the reception; families will get a chance to meet other families and share photos and stories.

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