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A quote from Pope Francis:

"As a society, we have deprived our elderly of their voice; we have deprived them of their space; we have deprived them of the opportunity to tell us about their life, their stories and their experiences. We have set them aside and thus we have lost the richness of their wisdom. By discarding them, we discarded the possibility of having contact with the secret that enabled them to go forward. We are deprived of the testimony of marriages that have not only lasted through time, but which also keep in their heart gratitude for all that they have lived through."

-- Address to Rome diocesan congress, June 17, 2016

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