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Ancient wisdom for fathers

athers' Day in the United States, like Mothers' Day, has its roots in pain. There are two stories associated with its origin. The first is a memorial service held in Fairmont. West Virginia in July 1908. A catastrophic explosion in the

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coal mine at Monongah the previous December left at least 361 dead. This prompted Grace Golden Clayton to propose a service to honor fathers especially those that had died in the mining accident.

The second, which gained much more attention, was proposed by the daughter of a Civil War veteran whose wife had died giving birth to their last child. William Jackson Smart raised his children as a single father. His daughter, Sonora Smart Dodd, proposed a day dedicated to honoring fathers in June. It settled on the third Sunday in June. On June 10, 1910, the service was held in Spokane, Washington. In 1972, Richard Nixon made it an official holiday.

Instruction to fathers and sons is as ancient as humanity. The laws given to Israel as they marched through the desert include, "Honor your father and your mother." In Deuteronomy, these laws are followed up with, "These words that I command you this day shall be written on your heart, and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise."

The first nine chapters

father the son in whom he delights." Paul's instruction

to fathers in Ephesians reminds them not to provoke their children to anger, but rather to do as Deuteronomy instructs to bring them up, "in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." It is a short

simple guide that can be difficult to live up to. This "provoking to anger" does not mean that fathers do not occasionally annoy or even anger their children. It means continually doing or saving things that do not teach or build up. Fatherhood is a long game and extends beyond one's immediate family and past the years that children are at home.

Fatherhood is not biological; it is relational. It takes no skill at all to physically father a child. It takes immense energy and wisdom to be in a lifetime relationship with children. It takes self-control and selflessness to teach our children how men should treat women. It takes integrity to teach the next generation the importance of education and a strong work ethic. It takes high character to teach our sons and daughters to take responsibility for their own actions and learn how to hold others accountable for theirs while still teaching.

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... How is it not absurd to send children out into the trades, and to school, and to do all you can for these objects, and yet, not 'bring them up in the chastening and admonition of the Lord?' " (Homily 21, Ephesians). The encouragement for believers is that the first duty of fathers is to make their children believers. This will prepare them to go out into the world and not only be good at what they do but do it with honor and integrity.

As for children honoring their fathers, the command is not dependent on the quality of one's father. It depends upon the faith and character of the child. There is no harm in honoring a father more than he knows he deserves. It is, in fact, humbling. I have seen it change people in amazing ways.

Fathers, may we do all we can to deserve respect and honor. May we be fatherly to all in the generations that follow us. Children, do all you can to honor your fathers (and mothers). It is a reflection on your character and saves the dignity of the generations before you.

Pope Leo breaks from papal dress codes with White Sox cap

BY JACQUI PALUMBO CNN

CHICAGO The pope has been spotted in sportswear and this time it isn't AI.

Pope Leo XIV, a Chicago native and the first American pope, wore a White Sox baseball cap during a public appearance at the Vatican, making him the first pope to make such a casual pairing with his white cassocks. Leo, born Robert Provost, was photographed on Wednesday smiling in the cap during his weekly general audience. During the appearance, he met with newly wedded couples - breaking both traditional papal and wedding attire codes.

Leo's love for the sport was noted immediately upon his election on May 8, but the question remained: Cubs or White Sox? His brother, John, quickly spoke to the press to confirm his White Sox allegiance and footage has even revealed his attendance at the 2005 World Series, which broke the team's 88-year drought when they won the title. His devotion to the



Massimo Valicchia/NurPhoto/Getty Images via CNN Newsource A new mural by street artist TVBoy depicts Pope Leo XIV as a Chicago Bulls fan.

White Sox was just one a pope has become the of many aspects of Pope Leo's life that quickly pieced together an image of a pontiff-nextdoor. After he was elected, following two days of secretive deliberation, the memes came swiftly. He was dubbed "Da Sun-Times and quickly pictured in edited or AI images posing with Chicago-style hot dogs and bottles of Jeppson's Malört — the city's beloved gasoline-like liquor. Graduates of Villanova University, where he attended undergraduate school, were also eager to claim him, sharing AI images of Leo in full Villanova garb.

fervid subject of memes; his predecessor, Pope Francis I, famously went viral in an AI-generated image of the pontiff outfitted in a Balenciaga-coded white puffer jacket in 2023.

Though Francis' most Pope" by the Chicago iconic sartorial moment wasn't real, his tenure saw broader enthusiasm for evidence of a more contemporary and relaxed papal authority. The Argentinian pope departed from archaic and ornate accessories favored by Pope Benedict XVI — including his bright red leather loafers — opting for humble, simple robes and sensible black shoes



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(and mothers) teaching sons (and daughters) to pursue wisdom and run away from foolishness. It is love that trains and disciplines children. Proverbs 3:11-12 says, "My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline or be weary of his reproof, for the LORD reproves him whom he loves, as a



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