

LIFE OF THE MOVEMENTS

POLAND

On **October 1, 2024**, on the occasion of the International **Day of Older Persons**, we inaugurated the pastoral care of the elderly in Chojnice (northern Poland).

We have been working for a long time to ensure that elderly people receive special attention, based on the experience of Vie Montante in France and other countries. We managed to find the right pastor, which was not easy, but it was very important. Thus the first mass took place and we hope that other meetings will follow. They are held at the Residence of Elderly Priests in our city. It is valuable that retired clergy provide pastoral care to other elderly people.

We have joined several dozen people from local senior centers and the University of the Third Age. We are particularly pleased with this latest news, as the first university of this type was created in France and the second in Poland. In addition to the meetings in the chapel, the priests go to meet the elderly; we try to have as many of these meetings as possible so that the seniors feel supported by the clergy.

I hope that in the near future we will be able to propose our model in other parishes, and with time also in the dioceses.

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