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## Pope's quotes: Wisdom

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A quote from Pope Francis:

“Old age is what I like to say is the seat of life's wisdom. The old have acquired the wisdom that comes from having journeyed through life. Let us pass on this wisdom to the young: like good wine that improves with age, let us give life's wisdom to the young. I am reminded of a German poet who said of old age: *Es ist ruhig, das Alter, und fromm*: it is a time of tranquility and prayer.”

-- Audience with the College of Cardinals, Clementine Hall, March 15, 2013

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