



**The Catholic Foundation  
of Central Florida**

Inspire Giving. Fund God's Work.



*Dear Friends in Christ,*

The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida would like to wish you a **Blessed New Year!** We hope you and your family enjoyed a prayerful Advent season and a peaceful, healthy, and happy Christmas! We are deeply grateful for your generosity which helped to address increased needs and keep our faith community spiritually connected this year amid the pandemic.

Earlier this month - on **Catholic Giving Tuesday** - generous donors like you showed that our Church is alive and well by giving **more than \$34,000** to support the good work of **66 parishes, schools and ministries** throughout the Diocese of Orlando. And **more than 165 people** registered for our 3-part webinar series that concluded this month to learn how they can establish a legacy that transfers their Catholic values to future generations as it supports their parish, ministry or school.

We know the end-of-year is a time with important deadlines for those we serve. That's why we put together a list of helpful documents below to help guide your year-end giving.

***We are thankful for our board, staff, diocesan partners, clergy and religious and our Central Florida community. May God bless you all!***

***The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
Upon those who lived in a land of gloom a light has shone.  
- Isaiah 9:1***

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...and more...



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— ISAIAH 9:1



**Merry Christmas!**

On behalf of The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida Board and Staff, we hope you and your family enjoyed a blessed and Merry Christmas! [Click here](#) to hear a hope-filled message from our Chairman, Tom Chandler.

**2021 Market Outlook Webinar  
January 20, 2021 11:30am -  
12:30pm**

The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida invites you to attend a webinar session to hear a medium-term outlook for economies and earnings. Our partners, Concord Advisory Group and State Street Global Advisors will share details on key market themes and asset class implications and how The Catholic Foundation prudently invests the resources entrusted to us. The webinar will be held via Zoom and login information will be provided to those who register below.

**The following FREE resources will be available to webinar participants:**



**The Catholic Foundation**  
of Central Florida  
FAITH-BASED INVESTMENT SERVICES

**JANUARY 20, 2021**  
11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Join us for our  
**2021 Market Outlook**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**We invite you**  
to attend a webinar session  
where we will share  
insights to guide your  
investment strategies for  
your personal and  
philanthropic plans.

**STEWARDSHIP GIFTS**

**LET US KNOW IF  
YOU CAN MAKE IT.**  
LOGIN INFO WILL BE  
PROVIDED UPON  
REGISTRATION

- One-Hour Consultation with a member of our PGAC or team (estate attorney, wealth advisor, philanthropic advisor) virtual or in-person (scheduled at your convenience)
- Digital market outlook report
- Recording of the webinar
- Gift planning guide

(Associated documents will be sent to participants electronically after the webinar.)

[REGISTER HERE](#)



**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Here are some documents to help guide your end-of-year giving. [Click here](#) to make a gift to your favorite parish, ministry or school. [Click here](#) for information about making a year-end stock or IRA gift.**

**Thank you for your generosity throughout the year. May God's peace and joy reign in your heart!**

**Donor Advised Funds**  
**Maximize your giving as you support the causes**  
**that matter most to you!**

[I WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT  
DONOR ADVISED FUNDS](#)



**Give a Gift from Your Catholic Heart this Christmas**

**What's on your heart?**  
As we prepare to receive the ultimate gift of the Child Jesus, it is a beautiful time to reflect on how your Catholic heart can build the Kingdom of God. Establish a Donor Advised Fund with us to support charities serving as the hands and feet of Jesus.

**Donor Advised Funds:**  
Build your Charitable Legacy!  
Our Christmas Gift to you  
**50-75% Off Opening Minimum**

**Gifts**  
Tax Deductible - Invested for Growth  
Screened to Respect Catholic Teaching

To learn more, contact:  
Madelyn Weed at 407.246.7188 or mweed@cfcfl.org

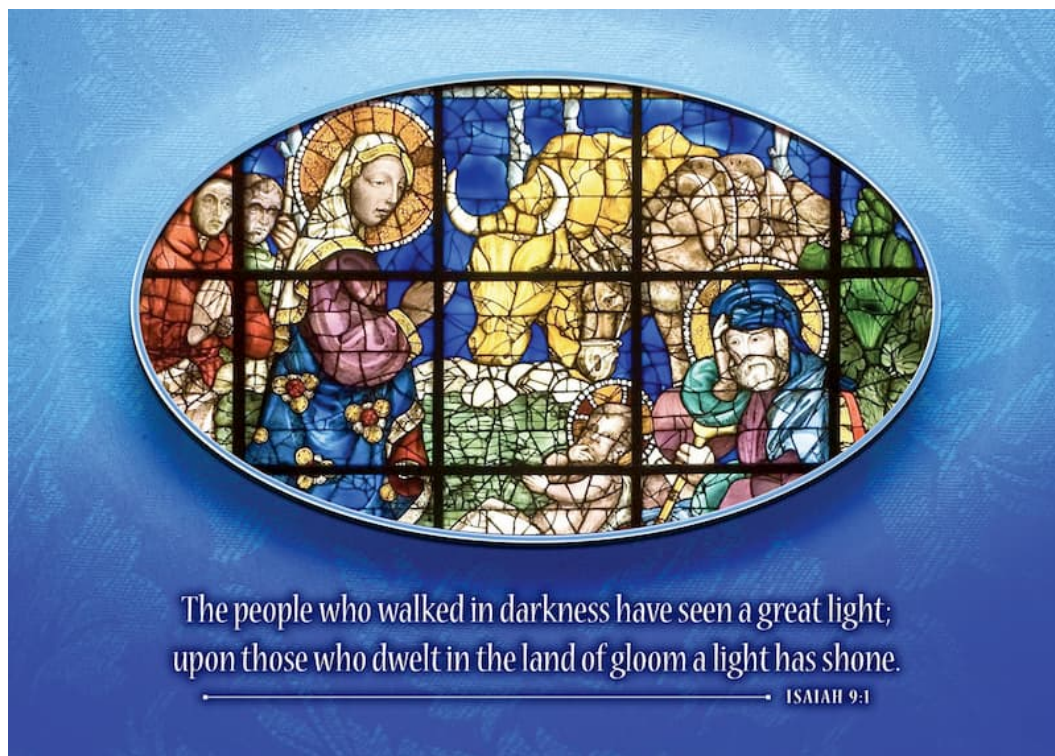
**DONOR PASSION**  
DEDUCTION INVESTMENT

**CATHOLIC COMPLIANT INVESTED DONOR ADVISED FUNDS**

**SCHOOL** **CHURCH** **CHARITY**

**The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida**  
Inspire Giving - Fund God's Work  
[www.CatholicDAF.org](http://www.CatholicDAF.org)

## YEAR-END GIFTS GUIDE



It is the most generous time of the year and there is no better way to celebrate Jesus' birth than by sharing the gifts we have received with others. There are many ways you can easily support your parish, school, Our Catholic Appeal or an endowment or reserve fund for your year-end giving and enjoy some tax advantages too. However, there are important dates to consider for your gifts to be eligible for inclusion on your 2020 tax return. Please remember that many offices are closed during the Christmas season and incorporate that detail into your year-end gift planning and activities. To help with your planning we have prepared a year-end gift guide. We hope this is helpful - please contact us if you have any questions.

### GIFT TYPES

#### 1. Cash Gifts

Online gifts: Online credit card gifts can be made up to midnight on December 31, 2020. [Click here](#) for The Catholic Foundation's gallery page of our Diocesan entities and ministries to find the area of interest on your heart.

Mailed gifts: Gifts can be made by check and mailed and should be postmarked by December 31, 2020. Please make checks payable to your parish, school or ministry organization.

#### 2. Appreciated Stock

Stock gifts: Stock transfers should be received in our account by December 31, 2020. The Catholic Foundation's detailed information for you and your broker and contact information for extra assistance can be found [here](#).

### 3. IRA Rollovers and Distributions

Gifts from your IRA must be received by the charity by December 31, 2020. [Click here](#) for instructions to share with your IRA custodian, as well as our contact information so that you can advise us that your gift is on the way.

**For assistance with your stock or IRA gifts, please contact Susan Hunt, Chief Financial Officer, 407-246-4803 or [shunt@cfocf.org](mailto:shunt@cfocf.org).**

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## CELEBRATE THE GIVING SEASON

Gift giving brings us joy and can also bring us tax advantages too! The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act has created some great opportunities to maximize your year-end giving and provide unique and time-limited tax incentives for everyone. To learn more, [click here](#).

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## OTHER WAYS TO CELEBRATE

Consider sponsoring a match for one of your favorite charities and inspiring others to give, increasing your impact on others and your favorite charity.

If your circumstances allow, step out of your routine and consider giving to a new ministry.

Influence the next generation by sharing your values and why you give.

Encourage each other to do random acts of kindness. Giving isn't only about money. Give time, talent and even a smile.

Keep the generosity going into the new year.

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## A GUIDE ON YOUR GIVING JOURNEY

The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida is an independent 501(c)3 organization supporting entities, individuals and families in achieving their charitable goals and addressing community needs. We are blessed to partner with Catholics throughout Central Florida to fund God's work and advancing the ministries of the Catholic Church. We have earned the GuideStar Platinum Seal of Transparency, which is the independent research organization's highest recognition for nonprofits. The Catholic Foundation is a proven trustworthy philanthropic organization to give to and give through.

The Catholic Foundation provides tax letters for cumulative gifts over \$250 annually given through our office. Tax letters from The Catholic Foundation will be delivered by January 31, 2021. Please be aware that your parish and other ministry organizations will also provide tax letters for your 2020 contributions to them.

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## Legacy Planning Webinar Series



Now more than ever, we are looking for peace of mind. It is estimated that **more than half of Americans don't have an estate plan**, yet 71% say that having a well-thought-out estate plan would help them feel better. In an effort to help Catholics throughout the Diocese of Orlando formalize their plan, The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida presented its first virtual **Legacy Planning Seminar** in a 3-part webinar series. Our inaugural webinars had **167 registrants** for the 3-part series that featured experts from The Catholic Foundation's Planned Giving Advisory Council including Wills and Estate Attorney, **Amber Jade Johnson**, from Amber Jade Johnson PA; 401K Specialist/Wealth Advisor, **Ty McCormack**, from Aksala Wealth Advisors; and Founding Partner of F4 Wealth Advisors, **Darrell Devaney**. These presenters provided the attendees with valuable information on Wills and Estate Planning, Financial Planning, and Taxes and Estate Strategies. Each webinar included a Legacy Planning Tip to assist attendees with: Transitioning Values to Your Children and Grandchildren, How to Protect and Strengthen Your Family, How to Create a Family Mission Statement.

Webinar attendees received digital copies of a 28-Page Wills & Estate Planning Guide, Catholic Advance Medical Directive and Guide to Understanding It, Legacy Journal, Guide to Creating a Family Mission Statement, and Guide to Creating a Legacy Video. They could also sign up for a free 1-hour consultation with an Estate Attorney, Financial Consultant, or Philanthropic Advisor.

**Below are some of the responses we received from the attendees:**

**"The webinar series was an eye opener for me. I was impressed with both the diversity and relevancy of the subjects covered."**

**"The Catholic Foundation has created amazing legacy resources that are available free of charge. It is easy to access on their website, and I plan to share these with my family."**

**"I have enjoyed the series, and I learned some great things along the way. I absolutely love the idea of the mission statement and tag line for our family, and we are going to work on that."**

**"I was surprised by the research you shared on how storytelling can help young children become more resilient and have better coping skills and assist older generations slow cognitive decline. Wow!"**

Don't miss our [next webinar series](#) that takes places on Tuesdays starting January 19th and running for three weeks including January 26th and February 2nd, from 1pm to 2pm. [Click HERE](#) to register. We look forward to seeing you virtually in January!

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## **We Are Grateful For You!** **CATHOLIC GIVING TUESDAY**



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## **The Catholic Foundation Successfully Partnered With Donors To Rank Among Central Florida's Largest Nonprofits**

**For the second consecutive year, the Orlando Business Journal (OBJ) has ranked The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida as one of the largest nonprofit organizations in Central Florida. The Catholic Foundation ranked 26th, capping a year when its board and staff adapted to meet the community's unprecedented needs caused by the coronavirus pandemic.**

**"We are honored to partner with regional donors and nonprofits to improve the quality of life and create positive change in Central Florida," said Kimberlee Riley, The Foundation's President & CEO. "The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida serves as a connector, collaborator and resource to inspire giving for the**



greater good of our community.”

[Click HERE](#) to read more.

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## Supporting Community



***The Catholic Foundation team believes in stewarding our community personally as well as professionally. Our team is honored to partner with Catholic Charities of Central Florida and to share our blessings with others and support our neighbors. This year, members of our team supported 30 teenagers being cared for by Catholic Charities with gift cards and gifts for Christmas and also sent personal notes and prayer cards in Christmas cards to 130 senior residents of Catholic Charities properties.***

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## Staff Coloring Contest



***The Catholic Foundation team focused on our wellness during this peak thanks and giving season to ensure***

*we sustain our efforts in support of our community with a therapeutic adult coloring contest. The design to color featured Galatians 6:9 Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. Congratulations to our talented team and especially our winners:*

**1st Kaylee Osentowski  
2nd Marco Robles  
3rd Madelyn Weed**

## ***A Thrill of Hope***

*Hope, something our world is desperately seeking – especially after this year with a global pandemic. So many began listening to Christmas music or decorating early or maybe doing more than they have done before. The sights and sounds of Christmas are so joyous for in this season we encounter Emmanuel—God with us. We receive God's gift of being with us through the Christ child born of our Mother Mary in a manger. The beloved Christmas carol "O Holy Night" from the 1800s reminds us of the great hope the world was given on the night of Jesus' birth.*

*Our world was weary then and it is weary now. We are weary, but there is reason to rejoice, and God calls each of us to be the light of Christ in our world. God sustains the weary. Our promise of hope is that He takes the lifeless and breathes life into them. He himself experienced lifelessness and rising from that state. Though He no longer abides physically on earth He did not leave us alone. Christ offered us the gift of the Holy Spirit. This means we never have to endure a moment without His presence. He is with us and while He has always been with us, it is especially good to know He is with us in a global pandemic and as we quarantine. Perhaps we have felt His presence more in the emptiness of social distancing? Our faith tells us that He is a healer and this brings joy and hope to our weary world today.*

*In spite of a weary world, or our own weariness, our faith teaches us He has good in store for us and creation. Can we turn our hearts and minds away from the world and to Him, His goodness and our true purpose? This popular Christmas carol also includes the words "the soul felt its worth". As Christ came, not for Himself but for us, we too were born not for ourselves but for others. When we turn our hearts to Him and we awaken to this truth then we come to know our inherent worth as children of God. As we have received the gift of Christ our Saviour born on that holy night, let us also know the gift that we are to our weary world. Through our life God's glory is known to others.*

***Thrill (Merriam-Webster) – a tingling produced by a sudden emotional reaction; a feeling of great excitement or happiness.***

***Hope (Merriam-Webster) – a desire accompanied by expectation of or belief in fulfillment.***

***May we experience a thrill of hope this Christmas season – feeling the love of God through His gift of our Saviour and knowing the good He has in store. May we also provide that thrill of hope for others through the fulfillment of our purpose, being the love of the Saviour to others.***

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*About The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida*

***Our Mission: To inspire and increase giving, to prudently invest the resources entrusted to us, and to capably steward those charitable gifts to support the spiritual and corporal needs of the community of the Diocese of Orlando.***



**Stay Connected With Us Everyday!**



The Catholic Foundation is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit foundation committed to fostering and stewarding philanthropy to address community issues and meet the spiritual and corporal needs of our community year-round. As a proven trustworthy philanthropic organization to give to and give through, we have received the Guidestar Platinum Seal of Transparency. Fully endorsed by the Diocese of Orlando and its Bishop, we work extensively with Catholic parishes, schools and nonprofit organizations aligned with Catholic social values to help inspire giving and secure resources needed to further their long-term goals.

