



**The Catholic Foundation
of Central Florida**

Inspire Giving. Fund God's Work.



Dear Rafael,

During this season of Thanks and Giving, we are thankful for your support of our Church throughout the year and hope you and your family enjoyed a safe, peaceful and Happy Thanksgiving!

We are thankful for your generosity which has helped our Church remain spiritually connected this year and has positively impacted thousands of lives across Central Florida.

We are thankful for three members of our Board of Directors whose terms expire this year; their years of service, dedication and support have improved The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida's ability to serve you.

We are thankful for those who participated in our Legacy Planning Webinar this month to learn how they can create a legacy gift which is not simply focused on transferring assets but also focused on transitioning their Catholic values to their children and grandchildren and our future Church.

We are thankful for the gifts we receive from God and pray that we share our gifts fulfilling His purpose.

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

***Give thanks to the LORD for He is good, His mercy endures forever!
- Psalms 107:1***

In This Month's Newsletter:

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- Legacy Planning Webinar Series
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- Every Gift Has A Purpose

...and more...

Thank You For Your Dedication and Service!

Outgoing Board Members:

James A. Croson, Ron Henkelman, Victor Zollo



James (Jim) Croson
Nov 2008-Oct 2020

Jim was invited to join in 2008 which was the first full year of operation for The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida. The Catholic Foundation Board of Directors learned how passionate Jim was about Catholic Education and knew he was already a leader in the community inspiring giving for diocesan ministries. Jim enthusiastically responded to the invitation to join The Foundation board although his humility was well noted in his work as a board member. Jim's first meeting was in November 2008 and he joined our founding board members including: Bill Orosz, Steve Zepf, Pat Rainey, Joe Sciortino, Dave Powers and Bishop Stephen Parkes. Jim began working on the Alive in Christ campaign immediately and was instrumental in the Lead Giving Candidate Review process. Jim was a member of the Holy Family Circle during Alive in Christ and is an active parishioner of St. Patrick in Mount Dora.

Jim is being presented the [Mary Mother of God medal](#) as she is the Patroness of the Diocese of Orlando. The medal is framed and includes notes of gratitude for Jim's



Ron Henkelman
Jun 2013 – Oct 2020

Ron was known as a faith-filled leader in Polk County. He was invited to join The Foundation board and his first meeting was June 2013. Ron jumped into the succession and board structure planning which was being done that year. He helped to put together the term structure for the early board members, allowing for board member terms to be staggered. That year was also an evolutionary year for The Foundation as it transitioned to Concord Advisory Group. Ron has continued to support the Foundation in many ways but leaves us with a legacy of board structure and board members who he has recommended including David Ramos and incoming Robert Kryger.

Ron has already received the [Mary Mother of God medal](#) and was presented the [medal for the works of the Lord](#). The medal is inscribed with words from Mark's gospel as he described the commissioning of the eleven, **"Go out into the world." Mark 16:15** The notes include gratitude for Ron's service on our board and the words of **Psalm 111:6 "He has made known to his people the power of His works giving them their inheritance of the**



Victor Zollo
Nov 2008-Oct 2020

Victor was known as a leader in the community who inspired giving – he had chaired the Rollins College campaign. He is a supporter of Notre Dame and Catholic Education. He was invited to join The Foundation board and his first meeting was December 2008 where he was also nominated as Vice-Chair. Victor was a great connector and had good relationships with Notre Dame, in particular – Scott Malpass, CIO. With this connection, he helped to glean some great insight as we began to build our investment management services and assets. Victor began hosting the board meetings at his office in February 2009 and was elected Chairman of the Board and served from December 2013 to December 2016.

Victor received the [Mary Mother of God medal](#) for serving as Chairman of The Foundation's board and in October 2020 was presented a [medal about the works of the Lord](#) for his service through the years on The Foundation board. The medal is inscribed with words from Mark's gospel as he described the commissioning of the eleven, **"Go out into the world." Mark 16:15** The notes include gratitude for

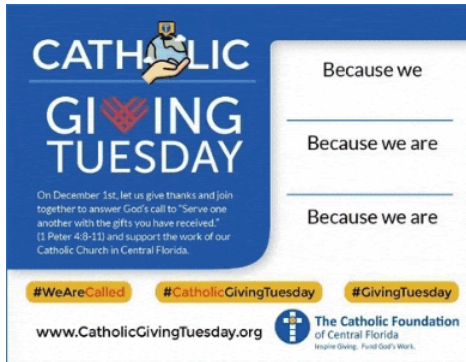
service on our board and the words of
Psalm 111:2 **"Great are the works of the
Lord, exquisite in all their delights."**

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Lord."**

Victor's service on our board and the words
of Psalm 111:5 **"How great are the works
of the Lord! He has given food to those
who fear Him. He will be forever mindful
of His covenant."**


A COMMITMENT TO HIS CHURCH CREATES MORE THAN JUST A LEGACY

Tomorrow is **#CatholicGivingTuesday** - a day
for us to join together to answer God's call to
**"Serve one another with the gifts you have
received."** (1 Peter 4:8-11) and support the
work of our Catholic Church in Central Florida.



We are mindful of all those who have
generously supported their parish, school and
ministries -- especially during a year filled with
so many unexpected challenges. We pray for
those who have suffered as a result of the
pandemic. And we ask those who are able to
prayerfully consider a special gift from your
Catholic heart for the increased needs of your
favorite parish, school and/or ministries this
#CatholicGivingTuesday by making a
donation at: www.CatholicGivingTuesday.org.





I WANT TO GIVE TO
#CATHOLICGIVINGTUESDAY



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Legacy Planning Webinar Series

7:00pm via Zoom



November 19, 2020
"Wills & Estate Planning
in Uncertain Times: Do
you know the three
documents every Catholic
American needs to have?"
*Legacy Tip: Transitioning
values to your children
and grandchildren*

December 3, 2020
"5 Must-do Financial
Planning Strategies (and
5 Mistakes to Avoid)"
*Legacy Tip: Protect and
Strengthen your Family*

December 10, 2020
"Taxes and Estates:
Planning Today for a
Better Tomorrow"
*Legacy Tip: Creating a
Family Mission Statement*

RSVP (for one or all sessions):
www.OurCatholicLegacy.org

The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida in partnership with the Diocesan Catholic High Schools invite you to a 3-part webinar series on Estate, Financial and Catholic Legacy Planning. **Webinars will be held via Zoom and login information will be provided to those who RSVP. For more information contact Rosie Camous at rcamous@cfocf.org or (407) 246-7192.**

The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida launched its **new three-part interactive educational series** focusing on the essential elements of estate, financial and Catholic Legacy planning for individuals and families of any age.

The Legacy Planning Seminar Webinar Series had excellent reviews for its first session this month: Wills & Estate Planning in Uncertain Times, featuring a Catholic Wills and Estate Attorney, Amber Jade Johnson. 50 parishioners from throughout the Diocese of Orlando registered for the webinar. Afterward, they received Legacy Planning Resources including a 28-page Wills Guide, a Picture Your Catholic Legacy worksheet, and an option to receive a one-hour FREE consultation with an estate attorney, a financial consultant, or a philanthropic advisor.

Our second webinar will take place on Thursday, December 3, entitled "5 Must-do Financial Planning Strategies (and 5 Mistakes to Avoid)" with Ty McCormack, a founding member of The Foundation's Planned Giving Advisory Council. The Legacy Tip that will be included is – How to Protect and Strengthen Your Family.

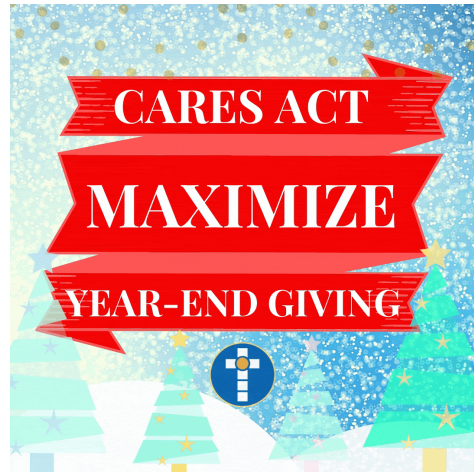
To register for the upcoming webinar, visit www.OurCatholicLegacy.org

CARES Act Creates Great Opportunities to Support Your Parish, School and Other Catholic Entities AND MAXIMIZE YOUR YEAR-END GIVING

Did you know that **30% of U.S. annual giving happens in December?** And *December 31st is the most generous day of the year!*

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act created two temporary changes to the deductibility of charitable donations that you can take advantage of by December 31st! One is a universal deduction that could *benefit more than 90% of taxpayers who take the standard deduction!* The other is meant to incentivize the remaining high-income givers (and businesses.) *See details on these incentives and find out how bundling your giving could provide additional tax-benefits by clicking the button below!*

[DETAILS ON INCENTIVES & TAX-BENEFITS](#)



EVERY GIFT HAS A PURPOSE

We touch the past when we read God's Word,

We touch the present when we gather as the body of Christ and share the Good News,

We touch the future when we create a legacy to build His Kingdom.



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The books of Chronicles review the history of Israel and the author seeks to explain God's plan for His people and His commitment to His promises through the ages and generations. In 1 Chronicles 29 verses 13 and 14, we read and are reminded that **all we have is from God and we are to share.**

Therefore, our God, we give you thanks and we praise the majesty of your name. But who am I, and who are my people, that we should have the means to contribute so freely? For everything is from you, and what we give is what we have from you.

God's Word guides us on our discipleship journey and helps us to perfect our charity. Throughout our journey, we give of our **time**, our **talents** and our **treasures**. Each of these is a gift to us and we are given each with an intent or purpose from God. As we consider the impact we wish to make, we should also prayerfully discern the plan God has for our gifts and the impact they can have on our family, friends and even strangers today and in the future.

As we share the gifts that God bestows on us, we create our legacy. While we often think about a legacy gift as only being personal property left in a will, anything we have transmitted or that is received from us such as values, beliefs or attitudes is also a legacy. Every gift we share not only makes a difference in someone's life or in the work of an organization, it also is part of God's plan. **Every gift matters, regardless of type or size, because it is part of a divine plan.**

How often have we heard that we were an answer to someone's prayer? We can hear that even when all we've done is give a little of our time to spend with someone, in person and maybe even just on the phone. Or we may hear that when we give to our parish or our school or a non-profit provider serving our neighbors. We might not hear that message at all because sometimes **the gifts we share are like seeds**. What we have planted isn't realized at the time we give but perhaps later when our seed begins to sprout. Think about the legacy gifts we have received from the saints and even from those who brought faith to Central Florida. The Church we enjoy today is because someone shared their gifts from God 50 years ago or more.

What gifts has God given to you to share to impact lives today and even our Church 50 years in the future? Every gift He has given you has a purpose. As we enter the new liturgical year which begins with Advent, a time of preparation, may we spend some time thinking about the gifts that God has given us and preparing how to share our gifts to achieve His purpose.

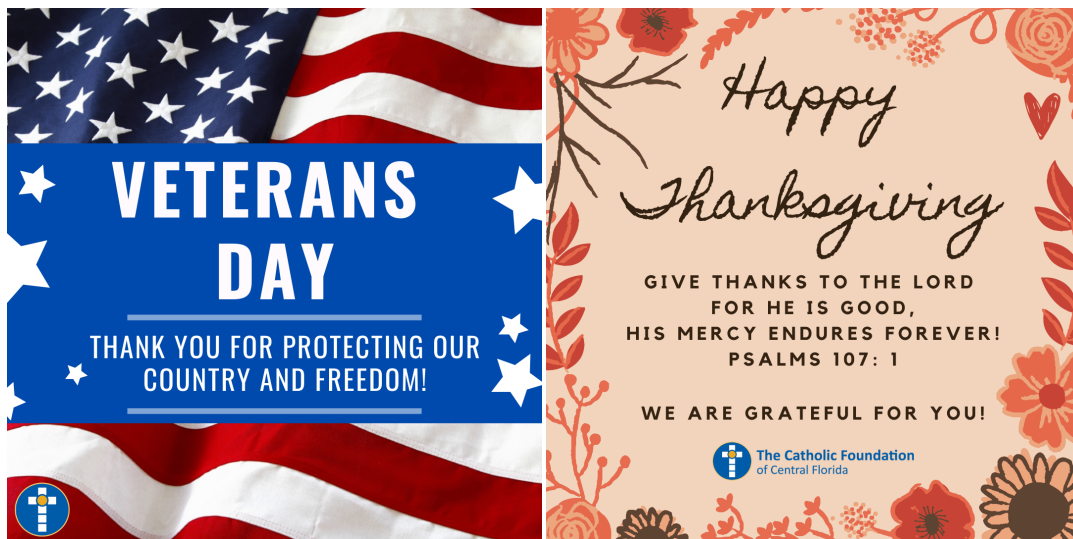
Special Collection: Catholic Charities



This month, we celebrated a special collection supporting Catholic Charities of Central Florida, which provides dignity and assistance to our brothers and sisters in need.



We Are Grateful For You!

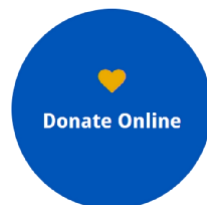


Saluting Our Veterans

Happy Thanksgiving!

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.



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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