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**The Catholic Foundation
of Central Florida
Newsletter**



This month, we celebrated Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten Season, a season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. Catholics worldwide observe the 40 days of Lent to recall and honor Jesus' temptation in the desert and ultimate sacrifice for God's people. During Lent, Pope Francis teaches us that "our love for God and neighbor is our passport to heaven." This month's launch of Our Catholic Appeal is one way our diocesan faith family shows love for God and neighbor because the appeal benefits every parish, school, ministry and entity in the Diocese of Orlando. This month, our faith community came together for the third session of our current Legacy Planning Webinar Series -- which had 193 people registered -- to learn how they can support the future needs of our Church. In this month's newsletter, we share a story about the Centlivre family and their expression of faith and family through a legacy gift to the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe. And we celebrate the new Life Center and Adoration Chapel at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Wildwood.

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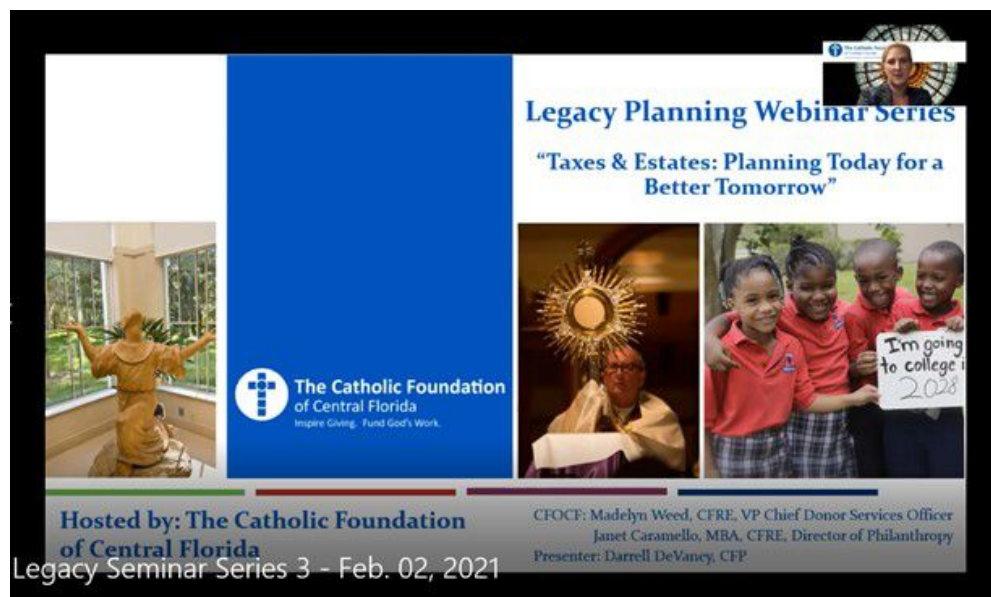
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Our Catholic Appeal 2021 Has Begun!

Do ALL to the Glory of GOD: **Our Catholic Appeal** 2021 has begun! We invite you to join our diocesan faith family in making a gift which **benefits every parish, school, ministry and entity** in the Diocese of Orlando and provides basic life needs for our neighbors in need. **Thank you** to those who have already given to help our faith family flourish. Supporting the appeal is an expression of God's love and builds His Kingdom in Central Florida. Please visit www.OurCatholicAppeal.org to learn more.

Legacy Planning For All Ages



2021 Legacy Planning Webinar Series

Research shows that the number of young adults with a will increased by 69% in 2020, and now in 2021, 18 to 34 year-olds are, for the first time, more likely to have a will than 35 to 54 year-olds. The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida has developed helpful resources for parishioners of any age in the **Diocese of Orlando** including the virtual **Legacy Planning Webinar Series**. The most recent webinar series was held through this month and featured attorney **Wendy Mara** of Mara Law and certified financial planner **Darrell DeVaney** of F4 Wealth Advisors. Both are members of The Catholic Foundation's [Planned Giving Advisory Council](#).

Attendees received copies of a:

- 28-Page Wills & Estate Planning Guide
- Catholic Declaration on Life and Death (Living Will/Health Surrogate) and Understanding the Catholic Declaration on Life and Death

- Catholic Legacy Journal
- Guide to Creating a Family Mission Statement
- Guide to Creating a Catholic Legacy Video

Attendees also received a free 1-hour consultation with an Estate Attorney, Financial Consultant, or Philanthropic Advisor. **100% of attendees surveyed** rated the seminar as **extremely helpful or helpful** to them. There were **193 registrants** for the webinar series.

Our next Catholic Legacy Planning Webinar Series will begin in April (dates to be determined). For more information about future webinars or to get your **free Catholic Legacy Resources**, please email **Janet Caramello**, MBA, CAP®, CFRE at jcaramello@cfof.org or call 407-246-4802.

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As a Donor Advised Fund philanthropist, you know the great benefits and flexibility that DAFs offer. As supporters of the Catholic Church in Central Florida, we want to share the **additional value** of expanding your portfolio to include an account with The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida's Donor Advised Fund Program.

Your Catholic DAF:

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- Provides access to a list of hundreds of pre-qualifying Catholic organizations (including your parishes and schools) and public non-profits in need of support and vets grant recommendations to other organizations to ensure they are compliant with our Catholic values.
- Allows you to pass along your Catholic values to the next generation and build a family legacy of faith-driven philanthropy with your successor advisors.



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For details, contact Madelyn Weed at (407) 246-7188 or mweed@cfof.org

Dr. Robert Kryger Joins The Catholic Foundation Board of Directors



**The Catholic Foundation
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Dr. Robert Kryger

Meet Our New
Board Member

- Principal at Beck Kryger Capital Partners LLLP
- Physics Professor at Florida Polytechnic
- Attends Resurrection Catholic Church in Lakeland



Dr. Robert Kryger, a physics professor and entrepreneurial scientist, has been appointed to The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida's **board of directors** where he will share his business and technical expertise. He joins a board comprised of lay leaders, clergy and religious members throughout

Organizational Excellence: 2021 GuideStar Platinum Seal

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**2021 GuideStar
Platinum Seal of Transparency**

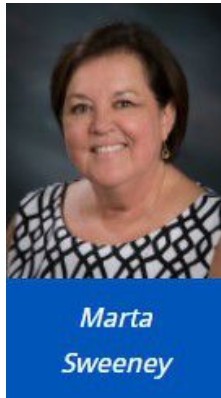
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The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida has again earned the **Platinum Seal of Transparency** from **GuideStar**, one of the world's largest nonprofit research organizations which provides data-driven information helping the social sector improve in affecting change and transforming lives. The Platinum Seal is the **highest level of recognition** offered by GuideStar. It highlights nonprofits whose organizational excellence demonstrate a **commitment to donor transparency and making a community impact**. The Platinum Seal

the nine-county area of the Diocese of Orlando. The Catholic Foundation's board members represent diverse professional fields of expertise and are leaders in their parishes and communities. Dr. Kryger and his family attend **Resurrection Catholic Church** in Lakeland. [Please click here](#) to read more.

"demonstrates that you are an organization that is focused on measuring your progress and results," according to GuideStar. The Catholic Foundation collaborates with generous donors, clergy, lay leaders and community partners to address community needs in Central Florida. We are grateful for our generous donors who allow us to assist their philanthropic journeys that improve life in our community. To read our GuideStar profile, visit: <https://www.guidestar.org/profile/26-0879378>

Congratulations Catholic Foundation Team Members!



We are pleased to announce that **Marta Sweeney**, Vice President and Chief Community Services Officer of The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida, has been elected to the **Board of Directors** of the **International Catholic Stewardship Council**. [Please click here](#) to read more.



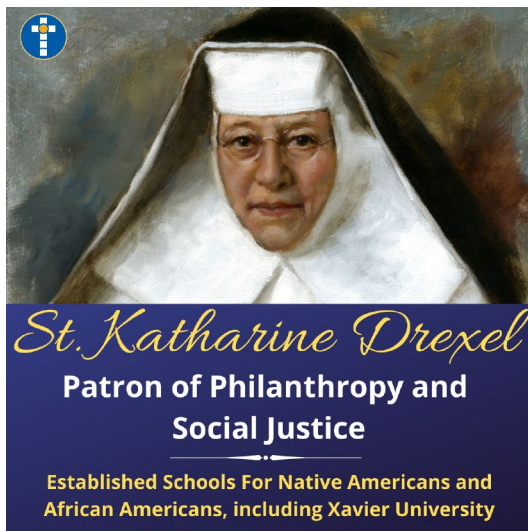
We are pleased to announce that **Janet Caramello**, Director of Philanthropy at The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida, has earned the **Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy®** (CAP®) professional designation. [Please click here](#) to read more.

Family Legacy Gift Honors The National Shrine



When **Brent and Lisa Centlivre** began their estate planning, they knew that they would want to leave a legacy gift in their will to the **Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe**, to honor this sacred space that has meant so much to their family. For Brent, the journey to that decision started more than a quarter-century ago. As he was embarking on his career with Disney, where he recently celebrated his 25th anniversary, he began to attend Mass at the Shrine. [Please click here](#) to read more.

St. Katharine Drexel Feast Day: March 3



In advance of her Feast Day next week, we honor St. Katharine Drexel, the **Patron of Philanthropy and Social Justice**. The **second American-born saint** to be canonized in the Catholic Church was also born into one of the most elite, yet charitable and philanthropic, families in the United States in the mid-1800's. St. Katharine Drexel founded the **Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament**, which provided for the physical and spiritual care for others through hospitals, shelters and educational institutions including more than **100 schools** that served **Native American** reservations and Southern **African American** communities.

[Please click here](#) to read a St. Katharine article by **Sister Maria Teresa Acosta**, a member of **The Catholic Foundation board**, the **Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary**, and a pastoral assistant at **Annunciation Catholic Church** in Altamonte Springs.

Celebrating St. Vincent de Paul's New Center and Chapel

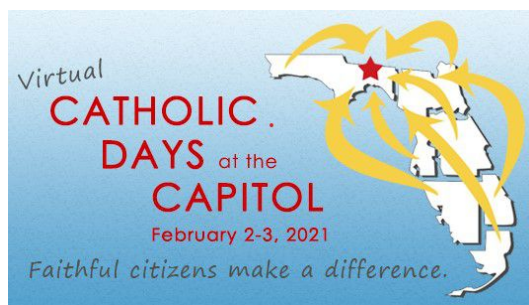


The Catholic Foundation celebrates the success of **St. Vincent de Paul** Catholic Church's campaign to build a new **Life Center and Adoration Chapel**. The parish campus has flourished because of the faith and dedication of its clergy, generous donors and the harmonized support provided by Diocesan offices including **Ecclesiastical Properties**, and **Finance**. God bless the St. Vincent de Paul parish community!

Thank You!



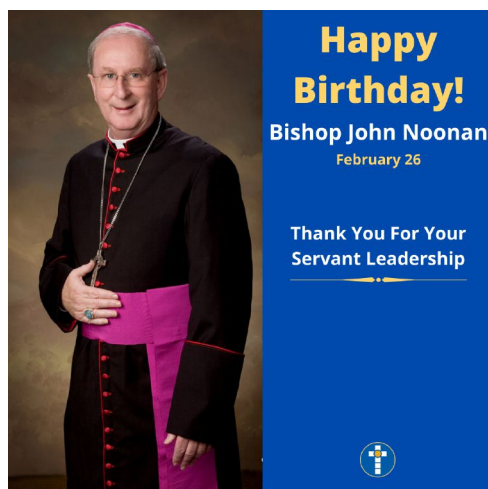
A heartfelt **Thank You** to our **generous donors** who supported Catholic education and the future of our Church during **Catholic Schools Week** earlier this month. Your generosity will multiply the fruits of our faith. [Please click here](#) to read the latest **Annual Report** from the Diocese of Orlando's **Office of Schools**. God bless you!



2021 Catholic Days at the Capitol

More than 90 Catholics from the Diocese of Orlando participated in **Catholic Days at the Capitol**, Feb. 2-3, representing more registrants than any other diocese in the state. At Catholic Days at the Capitol, participants meet with legislators to help advance legislation that promotes **human life and dignity**.

Happy Birthday Bishop Noonan!



Please join us in wishing **birthday blessings and prayers** for **Bishop John Noonan**! May God continue to bless him with many more years of service. The Catholic Foundation Board and Staff is grateful to Bishop Noonan for his servant

Ash Wednesday



This month, we celebrated **Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of the 40-day **Lenten Season**. While ashes are a symbol of our mortality, **Pope Francis** teaches us that "our love for God and neighbor is

leadership and spiritual impact in the Diocese of Orlando.
Happy Birthday Bishop Noonan!

our passport to heaven" and eternal life. May you
enjoy a blessed Lenten Season.

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