



Dear Friends in Christ,

This month, our community continued to faithfully observe **Lent**, a 40-day season of **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving** in preparation to celebrate the **Lord's Resurrection** on Easter. Faithful donors have been generous in almsgiving through their gifts to **Our Catholic Appeal** (OCA) and **The Central Florida Catholic Mercy Fund** which provides for the growth of our Church and for those in our community suffering financially and emotionally during these challenging times. Our board's **commitment to diversity** led to a **blessed milestone** with the appointment this month of **Randall Scott** who is the first Catholic Foundation board member from the **Northern deanery**. This month, many Catholic Foundation team members deepened their faith at a Lenten retreat at the **San Pedro Spiritual Development Center** where **Father Anthony Aarons** led prayer and reflection for Foundation and Chancery staff.

*Our soul waits for the LORD, he is our help and shield.
For in him our hearts rejoice; in his holy name we trust.
May your mercy, LORD, be upon us; as we put our hope in you.
Psalm 33:20-22*

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Thank You!



OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL
The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida

Our Catholic Appeal 2021 Has Begun!

We Invite You To Support Every Parish School & Ministry!

**ONE Diocese
ONE Body of Christ
ONE Family of God**

Visit OurCatholicAppeal.org To Learn More

Do **ALL** to the **Glory** of **GOD**

2021



Central Florida Catholic Mercy Fund

"As we monitor the turn of events throughout the world we are reminded of our common humanity..."

Supporting The Increased Needs Of God's Children With

**Food
Behavioral Health
Financial Assistance**

www.cfcf.org/MercyFund

Thank you to our **generous donors** who this Lenten season are **bringing our Church and world to the fullness of charity** by giving to community needs including **Our Catholic Appeal** - which benefits every parish, school, ministry and entity in the Diocese of Orlando - and to **The Mercy Fund** assisting God's people in need because of the ongoing pandemic. God bless you!

Earning Donor Trust



70%

of donors trust nonprofits' responses to the pandemic in 2020

Source: **The Chronicle of Philanthropy, Luth Research, and the University of San Diego**

Donate

Though the job of many nonprofit organizations became more challenging in 2020, as many were forced to adapt quickly to serve more people in new ways because of the pandemic- many did so with excellence. As a result, an increasing number of donors grew to trust charities more, according to a recent study by the *Chronicle of Philanthropy* and other researchers. We are thankful for our partner **parishes, schools, ministries** and **entities** in the **Diocese of Orlando** who have adapted to continue to serve the faithful during the pandemic.

Be Nimble. A Disciples' Way Of Life.

Many years ago, there were t-shirts made with the sentiment that all we needed to learn in life we had learned in kindergarten. While that may not be completely true, there are some lessons we learn early which can guide us throughout our life. One popular nursery rhyme is an example of this, Jack Be Nimble. This traditional nursery rhyme dates back to 18th century England. The origin of this nursery rhyme related to a famous English pirate, Black Jack. Jumping over candlesticks or 'candle-leaping' was traditional in England, mostly practiced in the markets and fairs. It was believed to be a good-luck sign to successfully clear the candle without extinguishing the light.

When we look for direction or guidance in our life, we often look to the Lord to light our way. When we follow Christ and our lives express His love we become the light of Christ in our world. But it is not easy to follow. We often have our own thoughts and ideas about what we should or can do in life. Further, we can also question the course of events in our life and work against them. Often when plans go awry, we respond with anxiety, frustration and disappointment. [Please click here](#) to continue reading.

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Legacy Planning Webinar Series
Western Deanery

Wills & Estate
Taxes and Estate Strategy
Planning Today for a Brighter Tomorrow!

3 Sessions: 2:00pm via Zoom
April 29 -- May 6 -- May 13

RSVP (For One Or All Sessions)
www.OurCatholicLegacy.org

2021 Legacy Planning Webinar Series

The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida – in partnership with the Diocese of Orlando’s Western Deanery – invite you to a **3-part webinar series** about **Wills & Estate**, and **Taxes and Estate Strategy**. Webinars will be held via Zoom and login information will be provided to those who register at: www.OurCatholicLegacy.org. We look forward to assisting you on your philanthropic journey through gifts that transfer your values and establish your Catholic legacy!

You Can Make An Impact With An Endowment Fund Specific. Lasting. Impactful.

Endowment Funds are a beautiful way to create a legacy and make a lasting contribution ensuring your favorite Catholic ministry continues to evangelize to future generations! By establishing an Endowment Fund, you will provide a perpetual source of annual income for a Catholic organization or ministry. A distinct benefit of establishing a Fund with The Catholic Foundation is that your fund grows in socially responsible investments which are 99.5% compliant with your Catholic values.

You can establish an Endowment Fund with a minimum contribution of \$20,000 which can be made with a donation of cash, IRA rollover, appreciated stocks/assets, etc. This donated amount forms the principal (corpus) which is permanently endowed to ensure the long-term financial health and support of your favorite Catholic parish, school or ministry. Once established, anyone can make additional contributions to your Fund which will also grow and increase your earnings in perpetuity.

For those looking to establish an Endowment Fund over time or join with a group of others to start a Fund, The Catholic Foundation is excited to announce three new Endowment Fund options!

Virtual Endowment

Virtual endowments allow the donor to establish an endowment while living which will be fully funded through a bequest. A donor makes an initial gift and provides notification of a future bequest to The Catholic Foundation to establish the Fund. They also agree to donate an annual gift that flows through The Catholic Foundation that would equate to the expected annual distribution (or grant) a fully funded endowment would have provided to the parish, school or ministry. For example, a donor might provide a \$5,000 gift of stock and a bequest for \$15,000 which would create the minimum fund at the time of their passing. The annual distribution from that Fund would be about \$800 (based on a 4% average distribution) --- so the donor would also be agreeing to provide \$800 annually for life through the Foundation for the beneficiary (that’s why the Fund is considered established – the donor would provide the minimum annual distribution even before the fund is established).

Equity Building Endowment

This option allows a donor to establish an endowment within a certain number of years – not to exceed 10 years. A donor makes an initial gift with an agreement for the balance to be paid annually over a certain number of years up to 10 and the distribution amount for the beneficiary until the endowment is fully funded. For example, for a 5-year equity building endowment, a donor provides a \$4,000 initial gift and agrees to make 4 more annual payments of \$4,000 to create the \$20,000 minimum endowment. The annual distribution, again \$800 – would also be in the agreement for the donor to provide to the beneficiary through the Foundation for the 5 years (each year the donor provides \$4,800 to build equity in the endowment and provide the beneficiary annual revenue). After the 5 years, the endowment is fully funded and the endowment will provide future income for the beneficiary.

Pooled Endowment

This option allows for a group of people to join together to build an Endowment Fund. This is a good opportunity for an Endowment that will be named in memory of a loved one or in honor of a graduating class or a retiring staff member. The minimum funding level is \$20,000, but the initial donations can come from two, ten or even a hundred different donors. Usually, the beneficiary or a family member is designated the main point of contact for a Pooled Endowment.

Give Us a Call

If you are interested in learning more about how you can create an Endowment Fund, start by contacting us to discuss your philanthropic or legacy planning goals. We will work directly with you and your financial advisor(s) to customize a plan that will help you make a significant impact on the ministry close to your heart (and provide significant tax advantages.) Once you complete and sign your Fund Agreement, you will have access to a 24/7 Fundholder Portal through which you can keep track of your Endowment Fund and distributions made from it. Contact Madelyn Weed, Vice President of Donor Services at (407) 246-7188 or mweed@cfcf.org for more information on starting your lasting legacy today.

Entries Open for 2021 Marian Contest



Current **5th-8th grade students** enrolled in a diocesan **Catholic School, Parish Faith Formation or Youth Ministry Program** are invited to enter the **2021 Marian Essay Contest** for **prizes totaling \$1,150!** In celebration of the **Year of St. Joseph**, this year's entries will focus on how Joseph & Mary serve as models of parenting & discipleship. Entries can be submitted as a 2-page essay, 5-minute video recorded via Loom, or 5-minute PowerPoint with voice-over. **Deadline to enter is April 19, 2021.**

The winning entry receives a \$1,000 scholarship for tuition, domestic mission trips, San Pedro retreats and/or to donate to the parish, school or diocesan ministry of their choice! 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be announced in May 2021 and recognized at a Zoom Award Ceremony.

The Marian Essay Contest is an opportunity to encourage the transition of our Catholic faith and values to the next generation. We encourage all of our middle school students to embrace this opportunity to share their reflection.

The Marian Essay Contest is administered through an **Endowment Fund** at **The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida** in conjunction with **The Office of Schools** and **Office of Laity, Family and Life.**

For more information, visit: www.cfcf.org/MarianContest or contact Rosie Camous at rcamous@cfcf.org or (407) 246-7192

Fearless Girl!



The Catholic Foundation's market managers, **State Street Global Advisors**, continued the global conversation around the power of women in leadership by updating **Fearless Girl**— the statue of a girl standing her ground in the heart of Wall Street in New York City. Since the launch of the Fearless Girl Campaign four years ago, 1,486 companies were identified for not having a woman on their board, 862 companies of those identified have added a female director. This month, State Street installed a broken glass ceiling surrounding Fearless Girl as a symbol of the new ground women are breaking every day. The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida is honored to recognize the **women who serve as leaders on our board**. [Click here](#) to see our Fearless Girl video.

The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida

Randall Scott

Meet Our New Board Member

- President, CEO & Chairman of MANDEX, Inc.
- More than 50 years of U.S. Military & Defense Industry Experience
- Attends Blessed Trinity, Ocala

Diversity Commitment Earns Board Milestone

Randall Scott is the first Catholic Foundation Board Member from the Northern Deanery

The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida is pleased to announce that **Randall Scott**, a national security and defense industry executive with a personal interest in improving Catholic education, has joined the board of directors. Randall's appointment reflects The Catholic Foundation Board's **commitment to diversity** in Central Florida and marks the first time the board has a representative from every deanery in the **Diocese of Orlando**. The board is fostering diversity in areas including geography, gender, age, profession and ethnicity. Randall and his wife attend **Blessed Trinity Catholic Church** in Ocala, which is in the **Northern deanery**. [Please click here](#) to learn more about Randall.

Welcome Alexa!

Please join us in welcoming **Alexa Pansegrau** as a **Staff Accountant** and new member of our team! Alexa joined The Catholic Foundation after earning her **Bachelor of Accounting Degree** from Saint Leo University in Florida. Alexa recently transitioned from the **U.S. Navy** where she served as a Cryptological Technician. Alexa is currently pursuing her **Master's in Accounting** and studying for the CPA exam. [Click here](#) to learn more about Alexa and our team.

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**Welcome To
Our Team!**

**Alexa
Pansegrau**


**Staff
Accountant**

Bachelor of Accounting Degree
from Saint Leo University

Served U.S. Navy as a
Cryptological Technician



This Month We Also Celebrated...



St. Katharine Drexel

**Patron of Philanthropy and
Social Justice**

Established Schools For Native Americans and
African Americans, including Xavier University

St. Katharine Drexel Feast Day
March 3



Year of St. Joseph
December 8, 2020 - December 8, 2021

St. Joseph Feast Day
March 19



**PALM
SUNDAY**

Mark 11: 1-11

Palm Sunday
March 28

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