



Dear Friends in Christ,

This month we celebrated the glorious season of Easter, praising God with thanksgiving because Christ has obtained life eternal for us. As we receive this gift, we endeavor to bless His Presence within us by doing work that brings our Church to the fullness of charity. This month, The Catholic Foundation partnered with F4 Wealth Advisors to create a milestone educational partnership focused on improving philanthropy in Central Florida for generations to come. We announced 10 scholarship grants for pastors and parish staff/leaders interested in attending the International Catholic Stewardship Council Conference being held in Central Florida in September. We celebrate the charitable heart of Nicholas Degel, who has established an endowment that supports seminarians in the Diocese of Orlando. We pray in solidarity with the Holy Family Catholic Community as they launched a capital campaign for their newly rededicated Holy Hearts Chapel. And we wished a blessed farewell to Janet Caramello, our former Director of Philanthropy, who left this month to move to the Tampa Bay area with her family.

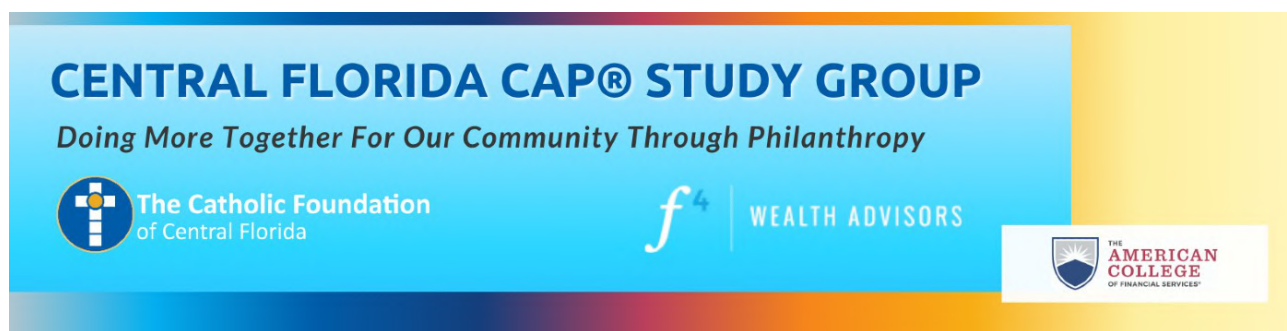
When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

John 20: 6-9

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Doing More Together For Our Community Through Philanthropy



The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida and F4 Wealth Advisors are co-hosting a milestone educational partnership that joins nonprofits and businesses to promote philanthropy throughout Central Florida. They are creating a study group that will provide networking support and education for local professionals to successfully complete the graduate-level courses for the Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy® (CAP®) designation.

The Central Florida CAP® Study Group - which is forming now with course work and sessions beginning in August - is focused on improving philanthropy in our Central Florida community for generations to come. Their motto is "Doing More Together For Our Community Through Philanthropy."

The study group will engage multi-sector advisors including wealth managers, estate attorneys, private bankers, insurance advisors, certified public accountants and nonprofit executives throughout Central Florida's broad business community to create a holistic network that can help clients achieve their philanthropic aspirations and establish their charitable legacies. Study sessions will provide a forum to discuss ideas, experiences and coursework that enhance learning specifically about our region and our donors with opportunities to meet donors and leaders in philanthropy.

"There are many voices in different sectors in our local philanthropic ecosystem and we are investing in bringing these voices together to more effectively and collaboratively advise how individuals and families can achieve their charitable aspirations and increase their impact in our community through philanthropy," said Catholic Foundation President & CEO, Kimberlee Riley, CAP®.

"I'm proud to help further elevate philanthropy in Central Florida," said Darrell DeVaney, CFP®, Founding Partner at Winter Park-based F4 Wealth Advisors. "This will have a broad-reaching impact for generations. The professionals participating will finish with an elite designation with the CAP®, and therefore the donors they advise will become more educated and engaged, and the ultimate beneficiary of course will be all of the great nonprofits in Central Florida."

The CAP® program's success is in part due to students in cities like Omaha, Dallas, and West Palm Beach who have engaged with CAP® study groups, learning together across their disciplines. CAP® advisors who have participated in study groups have facilitated larger charitable gifts that have helped to address urgent community needs in their respective regions.

Locally, participants in the Central Florida CAP® Study Group will be selected based on their expertise and the experiences they bring to the group. They will meet 10 times via zoom and hybrid meetings over a nine-month period.

The CAP® designation is offered by the Richard D. Irwin Graduate School of The American College of Financial Services (ACFS). The ACFS is the nation's largest nonprofit educational institution devoted to financial services holding the highest level of academic accreditation and its faculty represents some of the foremost thought leaders in their profession.

Candidates for the CAP® designation must complete a minimum of three graduate-level courses in philanthropic studies and six hours of rigorous, supervised written examinations. The curriculum addresses the advanced design, implementation and management of charitable gift techniques and strategies, as well as philanthropic tools. An elite 2,300 individuals have been awarded the CAP® designation since its inception in 2003.

Advancing The Stewardship Of Your Parish



The Catholic Foundation is offering 10 scholarship grants to pastors and parish staff/leaders interested in attending the 2021 ICSC Conference being held in Central Florida at the Hyatt Regency Orlando from September 12-15, 2021. The 59th annual ICSC conference — themed "Restore Our Joy" will offer attendees networking opportunities and more than 100 stewardship-related sessions focusing on new ideas, innovations, strategies on coming back from the pandemic as together we bring our church throughout the world to its fullness of charity. [Please click here](#) to learn more.

Legacy Planning Webinar Series

The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida Presents

Legacy Planning Webinar Series

Thursday, May 6, 2pm
"The Biggest Misconceptions about Estate Planning"
Legacy Tip: Creating a Family Mission Statement

Thursday, May 13, 2pm
"Taxes & Estates: Planning Today for a Better Tomorrow"
Legacy Tip: Protect & Strengthen your Family

RSVP (for one or all sessions): www.OurCatholicLegacy.org
Webinars will be held via Zoom at **2 p.m.** and login info will be provided to those who RSVP.

In partnership with the Western Deanery Parishes

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The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida
Inspire Giving. Fund God's Work.

The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida – in partnership with the Diocese of Orlando's Western Deanery – invite you to join us for our Legacy Planning Webinar Series on Wills & Estate, and Taxes and Estate Strategy. Webinars will be held at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom and login information will be provided to those who RSVP at www.OurCatholicLegacy.org.

Father Anthony Aarons Joins Community Discussion About Health



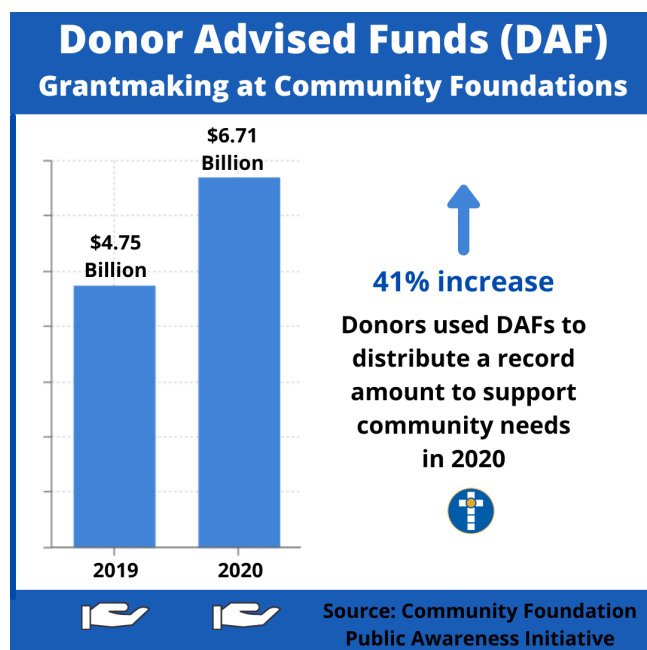
AdventHealth Virtual Event:
Finding Hope Amid a Pandemic
How faith, worldviews, and medicine intersect
as people seek hope.
May 6, 3:00 pm

Fr. Anthony Aarons

Father Anthony Aarons will participate in an AdventHealth Virtual Event about how people can find hope amid a pandemic. The thoughtful discussion from diverse perspectives will include AdventHealth healthcare professionals and community leaders who will consider how faith, worldviews and medicine intersect to affect public health. The presentation, featuring an interfaith panel discussion, will focus on overcoming the struggles brought about by COVID-19. The event, hosted by AdventHealth in conjunction with the Interfaith Council of Central Florida, will be on Thursday, May 6, at 3:00 pm. The virtual event is open to the public. [Please click here](#) for the Zoom link to the virtual event.

Participants will be: Fr. Anthony Aarons, who serves as chaplain at Bishop Moore Catholic High School and Catholic Charities of Central Florida. Fr. Anthony also facilitates retreats at San Pedro Spiritual Development Center and ministers at St. Margaret Mary Parish, both in Winter Park; Tim Cook, Chief Executive Officer, AdventHealth Altamonte Springs; Abhinav Dwivedi, Vice President Emeritus, Hindu University of America; Ramona Kyrillos, MD, Infectious Disease Consultants; Imam Tariq Rasheed, Imam and President, Islamic Center of Orlando; David Sinclair, MD, Chief Medical Officer, AdventHealth Altamonte Springs; Jocelyn Williamson, President, Florida Humanist Association; Mary Young, BSN, RN, Chief Nursing Officer, AdventHealth Altamonte Springs.

Donor Advised Funds Make Record Impact



Donor Advised Funds (DAF) have emerged as a popular philanthropic tool because they offer a simple, flexible way to manage and maximize your giving to support the causes that matter most to you.

Last year, Americans used DAFs to distribute a record \$6.71 billion to support community needs at the height of the pandemic, according to a recent report by the Community Foundation Public Awareness Initiative.

The Catholic Foundation offers DAFs that support hundreds of nonprofits. [Please click here](#) to learn how you can use DAFs to support your favorite charity in a socially responsible way in accordance with your Catholic values.

Giving With A Catholic Heart



Nicholas Degel

"It is comforting to know that when I am no longer here, I will have left an inheritance that will continue to benefit a ministry that is close to my heart."



Born and raised in a small Montana town as the second oldest in a family of 15, Nicholas Degel, 72, moved to Orlando 33 years ago. Now retired, Nick has been blessed with three children and keeps busy by volunteering; he has been a board member, volunteer, and treasurer of several nonprofit and for profit corporations.

Nick's Catholic faith has always been an essential part of his life, and he credits his parents who sacrificed in order to send their children to Catholic schools. He was an altar boy for many years and attended a Benedictine Monastery Boarding School. "These experiences strengthened my faith, and I am blessed and thankful for that," he says.

While a planned gift and endowment was something Nick wanted to do, he had not decided on a designated purpose until The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida invited him to visit the St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary with Bishop Noonan and a group of fellow Corpus Christi Society members. The seminarians joined them for Mass, lunch, afternoon prayers and a tour of the seminary with small groups guided by the seminarians.

"During the visit with the seminarians, I was touched by their dedication to Christ and His church, their sincere friendliness, and generosity with their visitors," he recalls. "These seminarians and new priests are vital to Christ's Church on earth and, as Catholics, we are blessed with their commitment to His priesthood." Shortly after his visit, Nick decided to dedicate his endowment to providing support for the Diocese of Orlando seminarians.

Making a planned gift signaled a way of life for Nick and provided a sense of comfort. In his words, "It is comforting to know that when I am no longer here, I will have left an inheritance that will continue to benefit a ministry that is close to my heart," he highlights. "I would encourage everyone to consider a planned gift that will continue beyond themselves to bear witness to a generous purpose that is dear to them."

Nick's original plan was to fund his endowment through his estate plan. However, he realized that there were some tax advantages to pre-funding the endowment and has followed that plan through annual gifts from an IRA.

"I encourage others to consider this pre-funding strategy after consulting with The Foundation and their tax advisor. I can attest to the joy of seeing donations fulfill their intended purpose during one's lifetime."

If you are interested in learning more about how you can make a lasting impact on your favorite ministry through an Endowment Fund, please contact Madelyn Weed at mweed@cfcf.org or (407) 246-7188.

Marian Contest: Thank you!



The Catholic Foundation is grateful for the 135 middle school students who entered this year's Marian Contest, where they had the opportunity to earn scholarship awards from \$50 to \$1,000 by expressing their love for Mary, Our Blessed Mother and her most chaste spouse, St. Joseph. The contest was open to middle school students enrolled in a parish faith formation, religious education, youth ministry, or other catechetical formation program during the 2020-21 academic year. Students were able to enter the contest by submitting videos, PowerPoint presentations or written essays. The Marian 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. Marian Contest winners will be announced in May.

Holy Family Chapel



Holy Family Catholic Community is pleased to announce that it launched a capital campaign for its newly rededicated Holy Hearts Chapel. In 2017, the chapel sustained serious water damage from Hurricane Irma. As a result, the chapel was in dire need of extensive repairs, to the point that the structural integrity of the building was compromised. Thanks to a loan from the Diocese of Orlando, Holy Family was able to begin renovations last year, making necessary repairs and ensuring that this beautiful, historic building is preserved for future generations. It was important to carry out these repairs and necessary updates, even throughout the course of the pandemic, in order to be good stewards of the property and bring a vibrant resource back into use at the parish.

The Holy Hearts Chapel will be a space for our community to enjoy the sacraments of baptism and marriage, as well as funeral rites and some daily masses, for many years and generations to come. Father Giel is thrilled to share the beauty and renewed splendor of the chapel with you, and invites you to learn more about this campaign and how you may contribute by visiting www.cfocf.org/holyheartschapel

Supporting Our Community



The Catholic Foundation was honored this month to support the San Pedro Spiritual Development Center at its 4th Annual Gala. Catholic Foundation team members joined our partners and generous donors in the Diocese of Orlando to celebrate San Pedro as a place for human, intellectual, spiritual and pastoral development. This spiritual oasis provides retreats and camps that help our Central Florida community to deepen our faith and relationship with God.

The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida was honored this month to support the Holocaust Memorial Resource and Education Center of Florida's White Rose Tribute Event honoring The Massey Family and advancing the Center's mission to create an equitable society that treats everyone with dignity. We are grateful for The Massey Family whose values and generosity strengthen community life in Central Florida.

"God Knew Where I Needed To Be."

Janet Caramello reflects on her time at The Catholic Foundation



Janet holds a farewell memento signed by Catholic Foundation colleagues

"God knew where I needed to be," says Janet Caramello, reflecting on her time at The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida which she joined in February 2019. "God knew I should be serving all of the Diocese of Orlando's parishes, schools, and ministries as The Foundation's Director of Philanthropy. I had the daily privilege to assist parishioners in reaching their philanthropic goals through legacy gifts as well as special gifts." Janet also spearheaded the milestone creation of The Catholic Foundation's Planned Giving Advisory Council, a skilled group of Catholic professionals in the estate planning and financial fields who are contributing their time, talent, and treasure to inspire giving that impacts lives and supports our Catholic community.

As Janet and her family relocate to Tampa Bay, she realizes that helping to lay the foundation of philanthropy throughout the Diocese has become part of her own legacy, just as 1 Corinthians 3:10 advises: "According to the grace of God given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building upon it."

Part of the foundation Janet helped to establish included creating legacy resources for Central Florida parishioners. The Grandparent's Legacy Journal template, the Legacy Letter (Ethical Will) Template, and Family Mission Statement Template are a few of the resources that Janet says she has been proud to create. These templates and guides help Catholics articulate and share their stories and legacies with their family. Helping Catholics capture and transition values, including their Catholic faith, has been an important part of Janet's journey.

As part of The Catholic Foundation's Donor Services team, Janet has assisted parishioners in establishing their personal legacy through estate gifts. For one family, it was establishing a Donor Advised Endowment Fund that will allow their children and grandchildren to be involved in philanthropy. For another husband and wife, Janet helped them establish a Donor Advised Fund that would provide memorial Masses on a birthday and anniversary for 25 years after each has passed on. For another parishioner, Janet helped with a charitable gift annuity which provided a charitable tax deduction and will provide a monthly income while alive, with the remainder of the annuity going to their parish. "It's humbling to have been a part of these meaningful gifts," Janet says.

Janet is also grateful that her position allowed her the opportunity to make a difference with organizations in the Diocese that she cares deeply about. Janet's daughter has Down syndrome and attends Morning Star Catholic School. Janet assisted them in starting Morning Star's Parent-Teacher Organization as President and assisted Bishop Grady Villas, a residential facility for adults with developmental disabilities, in raising money with their Achieving Their Dreams events. By doing this, Janet was able to show others that our legacy is bolstered when we live with generosity of time, talent, and treasure. Janet says she has gained much satisfaction from giving her best in the work God gave her to do. "Through perseverance and strength from the Holy Spirit, I've been humbled by the opportunity to be of service to so many families."

Everyone leaves a legacy. Everything we say or do leaves the imprint of our lives on those around us and everyone has the ability to leave a legacy of hope. Janet's wish is that part of the foundation she helped to build assists parishioners in the Diocese of Orlando in creating their own legacies of hope. And through this, Janet gives the glory to God.

This month, we observed:



St. John Baptist de la Salle



Take even more care of the education of the young people entrusted to you than if they were the children of a king. ☦



Called by Name

**World Day of Prayer
for Vocations**

Happy Earth Day



The earth is the LORD's and all it holds,
the world and those who dwell in it. For
he founded it on the seas, established it
over the rivers. Psalm 24: 1-2

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