



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



## Walking Together with God

The Catholic Foundation was born out of a beautiful Catholic synod process where community leaders gathered and determined how to not only address current needs but improve the future of our Church in Central Florida. For the 2022 Global Synod Pope Francis has chosen the theme of 'synodality'. Synodality literally means 'walking together'.

Through our baptism we are born into the body of Christ and His Church. As a member of this faith family we share in the responsibility of its life and mission. Synodality has been present in Christianity since the beginning. Mary and Joseph walked with Jesus in His early years, listening to God's direction for their family and lives. Moses led the Israelites from Egypt to their promised land and throughout their journey they gathered with God in the 'tent of meeting'. While Moses often shared God's messages with the Israelites the tent of meeting was a place for any of the Israelites to go to be with God. In the gatherings the Israelites were synodal - listening to God and worshipping Him together.

We are called to return to synodality this year. The call is not to gather and express our opinions but instead to gather with those who are baptized and unbaptized and to listen to the Holy Spirit to discern God's will for us and for His Church. In February both our staff team and board of directors experienced their own tent of meeting. We invited Daniel Boyd, Secretariat of Laity, Family and Life to lead each group through their own synodal process focusing on one of the ten Synod themes, Listening. Each group prayerfully reflected on how God is speaking to us through voices in our midst, including those we ignore. We also considered who are the voices we ignore and what opportunities could we find to listen to these voices. After reflection we shared what we heard from the Holy Spirit.

Throughout our diocese this year there will be opportunities for our faith family to gather and reflect upon the themes of the Synod. Additionally, our faith family can

gather with their family, friends or perhaps those they volunteer with (parish councils, ministry groups, etc), select one of the synodal themes and listen to the Holy Spirit together. Pastors can share more information for those interested.

Being synodal reminds us we are not alone. We are walking with our faith family and with God as disciples of Christ. Participation in the Synod as one faith family brings us closer to God, strengthens His Church and provides divine guidance for us as we serve in our baptismal roles of being priests, prophets and kings striving to build His Kingdom.

In Christ's everlasting peace,

**Kimberlee Riley, CAP**  
President & CEO

### **In This Month's Newsletter:**

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# Learn more about the Three New Endowment Funding Options

The Catholic Foundation invests the charitable gifts of our donors to maximize their giving to nonprofits. Charitable gifts are as unique as the people giving them. We all share a passion for philanthropy but choose to give in different ways. To honor the different ways, the Foundation provides options for establishing an endowment to benefit the causes on your hearts.

To learn more visit our [website](#).

## Equity Building Endowment

The donor establishes a fund over a number of years, not to exceed 10 years.\*



## Virtual Endowment

The donor establishes a fund with an initial gift now and the remainder coming through a bequest.\*



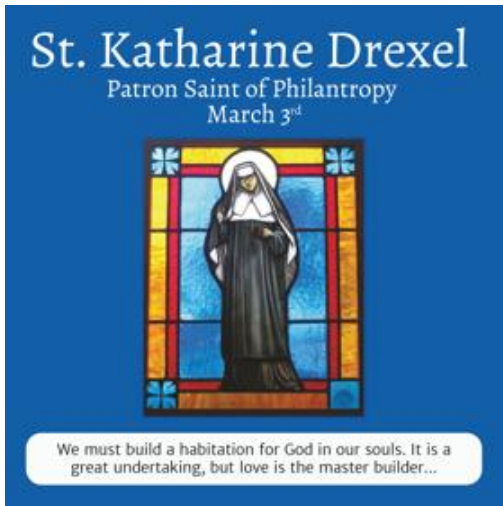
## Pooled Endowment

Two or more donors join together to establish a fund with a singular charitable purpose.

Perfect for family members, group of friends, colleagues or classmates!



**St. Katharine Drexel**  
*Patron Saint of Philanthropy*



St. Katharine Drexel's legacy of addressing needs through faith-filled Catholic philanthropy is the model for The Catholic Foundation's mission and vision.

**Marian Contest**  
*April 2022*



This year Middle School students can participate in an Essay Contest for a \$1,000 tuition scholarship for school or faith formation, domestic mission trips, San Pedro retreats and/or to contribute to the parish, school or ministry of their choice!

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**The Catholic Foundation Congratulates:**



***Madelyn Weed***  
New Designation as:  
*Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy*  
*(CAP®)*

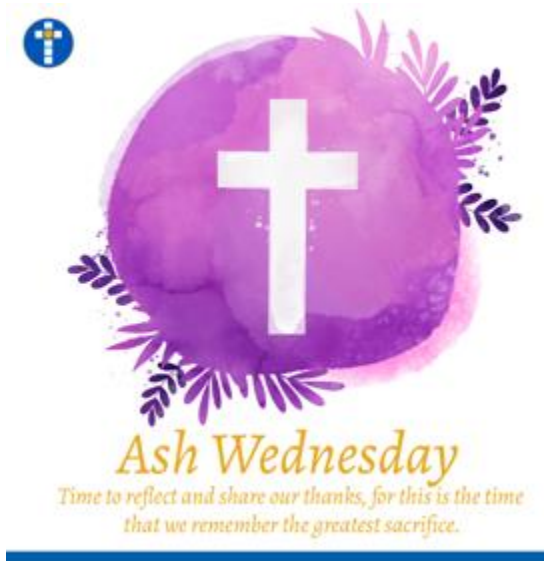


***Carolyn Ell***  
New Position as:  
*Stewardship Director*

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## Liturgical Living

[By: Teresa Ell](#)



"[Ash Wednesday](#) reminds us of our fragility so that we can meaningfully prepare ourselves to journey through Lent with God"...

## Thank you

[To all the donors](#)



Holy Family Catholic Church is grateful for all who participated in this important achievement.

[Read Fr. Martin Nguyen letter](#)

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## Latest News



Our President and CEO, Kimberlee Riley, was welcomed as the [newest Consortium of Catholic Foundations' Steering Committee member](#) in February. The Consortium of Catholic Foundations seeks to accelerate leadership effectiveness and mission impact for professionals serving the Church in Catholic Foundations throughout the United States.

Read more about it at [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#)

## 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.

### *Returning God's Gifts*



### *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.



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