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of Central Florida**

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The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida Newsletter

His Resurrection, an eternal guidance.

As Catholics some of us have been raised with the full traditions of the Lenten season: prayer, fasting, almsgiving, reflection, confession, etc. while others grew up practicing only fasting two days (Ash Wednesday and Good Friday) and no meat on Fridays. Regardless of how we were raised, we are all practicing what we were taught to prepare and celebrate our Lord's Resurrection at Easter. The Resurrection guides us in understanding the value of our life and our purpose in life. When our life is based in His word, His sacrifice and in our prayers.

"For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." -St. Therese of Lisieux (CCC 2558)

To pray is to desire to know more and to deepen our relationship with God. In prayer, we seek God's voice and allow Him to penetrate our fear and resistance, converting our heart and mind from hostility to hospitality, giving us enough peace and gratitude to spread to others, which begins to make a difference in our family and community.

God gave his only Son to suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, for the forgiveness of all our sins. God also joined us in our humanity in the Son's life and death. In the Nicene Creed we state what we believe 'for us and for our salvation', recognizing that Jesus's life and death was a gift to each of us. As this good news has been preached in His name to all the nations, we are all witnesses, and we come to Him in gratitude for His sacrifice. In our prayers may we experience a constant awareness of God's goodness. Through this awareness our gratitude grows within us, preparing us to offer ourselves freely for the building of His Kingdom on earth.

The Resurrection proclaims that Jesus is with us in our lives today. The same Jesus that walked, talked and ate with the Apostles is present with us. His Resurrection conquers death in our world, as foretold by the prophets, His is the victory and we are assured of eternal life. Jesus was resurrected, body and soul, affirming the value of our humanity. This value expresses God's love for us and the profound unity we have with the all-loving God through Jesus's Resurrection.

Blessed Easter season to you and your loved ones.

May the joy and hope of the Resurrection remain with you,

"The more we touch the intimate love of God which creates, sustains, and guides us, the more we recognize the multitude of fruits that come forth from that love"—
A Spirituality of Fundraising, by Henri J. M. Nouw

Kimberlee Riley, CAP
President & CEO

In This Month's Newsletter:

- **Celebration:** \$100 Million Assets Under Management
- **Sponsor Event:** Association of Fundraising Professional Membership Luncheon
- **Article to Spotlight:** Socially Responsible Investment Guidelines
- **St. John the Evangelist:** God's Heart, Our Dream 2 Capital Campaign
- **Liturgical Living:** Good Friday
- **CFOCF welcomes:** Roxanna O'Neill and Bryce Howard
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Legacy Planning Seminars
 - TOP 10 Charitable planning strategies for financial and legal advisors

\$100 Million Assets Milestone



AFP Membership Luncheon April 2022



We gathered with staff, former and current board members, chancery and investment advisors to celebrate The Catholic Foundation realizing [\\$100M in assets under management](#). This accomplishment is the result of trust, hard work and generosity of our Donors, Team and Partners.

This month we sponsored [The Central Florida Chapter of Association of Fundraising Professional Membership Luncheon](#). Our President moderated a panel with our Planned Giving Advisory Council members, on how legal/financial advisors and nonprofit professionals can partner to better serve their clients/donors and our community.

In the Spotlight



Articles to share

Socially Responsible Investment Guidelines for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: ***Saving Our Global Common Home***

The Church offers crucial and valuable principles to apply in the midst of a complex and powerful economy. This teaching provides a prudent strategy where decisions can be made by following the moral teaching of the Church. From a Catholic perspective, ethical and socially responsible investing requires us to evaluate specific investments in terms of how those companies or entities protect life, promote human dignity, act justly, enhance the common good and provide care for the environment. [Continue reading.](#)

St. John the Evangelist [*Campaign*](#)



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We are almost there!

Let faith be your guide, and generosity will follow in helping to meet our goal. We are confident of [your support](#), and we thank you in advance for your generosity as you always "show a cheerful face with every gift" (cf. Sirach 34:9).

Liturgical Living

[*Good Friday, To Become more Beautiful*](#)



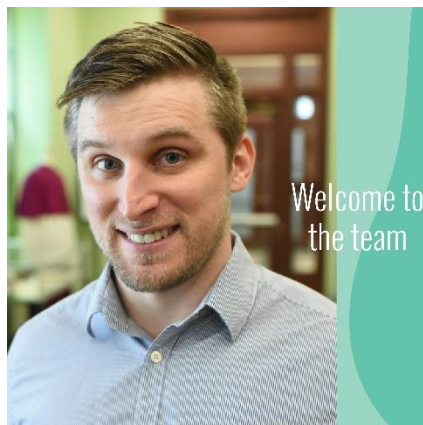
Liturgical living does not need to be some grand display or immediate all-encompassing change. As I have started my own journey to include more liturgical living in my life, one central theme I have noticed is this: start small, but start meaningfully. [Continue reading.](#)

The Catholic Foundation Welcomes:



Roxanna O'Neill

New Position as:
Senior Accountant



Bryce Howard

New Position as:
Director of Database Management

Upcoming Events



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EVENTS

Place:

Campisi Center Banquet Hall
Resurrection Catholic Church
333 Terrace Way
Lakeland, FL 33813

RSVP

For one or more sessions by
contacting: **Amanda Lancaster**
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(863) 646-3556

Light Snacks and
Beverages will be
provided



Legacy Planning Seminar Series



Will & Estate Planning

Thu, May 12th
10am Do you know the 3 documents
every Catholic American needs
to have?

Taxes & Estates:

Thu, May 19th
10am Protecting your family and
planning today for a better
tomorrow

Thu, May 26th
10am Catholic Funeral Rites &
leaving a legacy of Faith



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Top 10 charitable planning strategies for financial and legal advisors:

Helping your clients and
your business with
charitable planning



Dr. Russell James

J.D., Ph.D., CFP® Professor of Charitable Financial
Planning at Texas Tech University

Thursday, May 12th 2022

Hybrid Event

St. James Cathedral
Family Evangelization Center

Bishop John Noonan Conference Room
215 N Orange Ave., Orlando, FL 32801

at 8:00am

Continental Breakfast and Networking
session prior to the lecture.

Streaming via
Zoom starting
at 8:30am

[Register Now](#)

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



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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 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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