



## Newsletter



# MARCH 2024

### Faith-Filled Impact

Our communities have many needs, and the opportunity to make a difference are vast. So, how do we determine where to direct our generosity? Here is a simple acronym, FAITH, to guide you in making a faith-filled impact:

#### F – Develop a FINANCIAL Budget

To start, consider your household budget and how you can incorporate charitable giving into it. Engage with advisors who specialize in philanthropic planning to explore tax-wise opportunities. Also, think about utilizing non-cash assets to extend your household budget and amplify your charitable impact. For instance, if you're 73 or older, you might consider using your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA for charitable giving.

#### A – ALIGN Charities with Your Values

Take time to define your core values and personal mission and make sure the organizations, programs, and ministries you choose to give to align with these. Reflect on what truly matters to you and what brings meaning to your life. This is an evolving process— your values may shift over time. By aligning your charitable giving with your values and mission, you gain clarity on where to direct your support.

#### I – Determine the IMPORTANCE of Impact

Assess the potential impact of your support. Research organizations, programs, and ministries to understand their track records and effectiveness. Consider both short-term and long-term outcomes to prioritize where your contributions make the most meaningful impact.

#### T – Remember to Be THANKFUL

Gratitude is key to a generous spirit. As Catholics, we recognize that our blessings are meant to be shared. Cultivating an attitude of gratitude allows us to give more freely and joyfully. Incorporate practices like keeping a gratitude journal or reflecting on blessings to nurture this spirit of generosity.

## H – Define Your HOPES

What do you hope to achieve with your charitable giving? Set specific, measurable goals that reflect your aspirations for addressing community issues and creating positive change. Philanthropy is a journey, and having clear hopes and intentions guides you toward impactful giving.

Philanthropy is about the love of mankind and the desire to promote the welfare of others but all philanthropy is personal and accomplished in unique and distinct ways. Developing a strategy can ensure that you maximize your impact and leave a legacy which fulfills God's purpose for your life.

May the Resurrection of our Lord this Easter, the ultimate expression for the love of humanity and sacrifice for others, be an inspiration to each of us.

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*This month we celebrate our patron saint, St. Katharine Drexel, whose Feast Day is March 3*

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Heavenly Father, You are the giver of life and everything we have is a gift from you. You have shown us your infinite generosity by giving us your son, Jesus Christ.

You inspired St. Katharine Drexel to dedicate her life and selflessly share her treasures with those in need.

May her example help us be faithful stewards of your abundant gifts. Teach us to be cheerful and grateful givers, so we can bring our Church, spread throughout the world to its fullness of charity.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

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**LIMITED OFFER**

## Increase Your Impact with a 10% Match

of your contribution to a new or existing Catholic-compliant donor advised fund at The Catholic Foundation!

**HOW DOES THE DAF MATCH WORK?**

Generous donors have set up a Donor Advised Fund Match! You can receive matching dollars into your own new or existing DAF which you can then grant over time to the Catholic-compliant charities on your heart!

Visit [CatholicDAF.org](http://CatholicDAF.org) for more details or contact Madelyn Weed, CFRE, CAP at 407-246-7188 or [mweed@cfoc.org](mailto:mweed@cfoc.org) to claim your 10% Match today!

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### [Women's Giving Circle Kickoff](#)



The Second Year of the Women's Giving Circle got off to a wonderful start as we welcomed 45 members & guest to the Kickoff Mass & Luncheon [Read more...](#)

### [PGAC March Advisor Social](#)



### *Eastern Deanery Advisor Social*

The PGAC members from the Eastern deanery met for an Advisor Social at Stonewood Grill & Tavern, Daytona Beach. [Read more...](#)

## Marian Essay Contest 2024

Winning entry receives **\$1,000 Scholarship**

**WHO CAN ENTER?** Incoming or outgoing middle school students (2023-24 ACADEMIC YEAR)

Must be enrolled in a Diocese of Orlando Catholic school, parish faith formation, religious education, youth ministry or other catechetical formation program. The author of the winning essay will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

To learn more visit: [cfoc.org/mariancontest](http://cfoc.org/mariancontest)

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### [Lenten Pilgrimage - St. John the Evangelist Grotto](#)

### [Creating Generational Impact Through Philanthropy](#)



We were blessed to coordinate the Gathering in Gratitude event to acknowledge & thank donors who have so generously supported the ministries of the Diocese of Orlando. [Read more...](#)



Philanthropy is a powerful tool that goes beyond benefiting communities- it also serves as a cornerstone for instilling values and financial literacy in children. [Read More...](#)

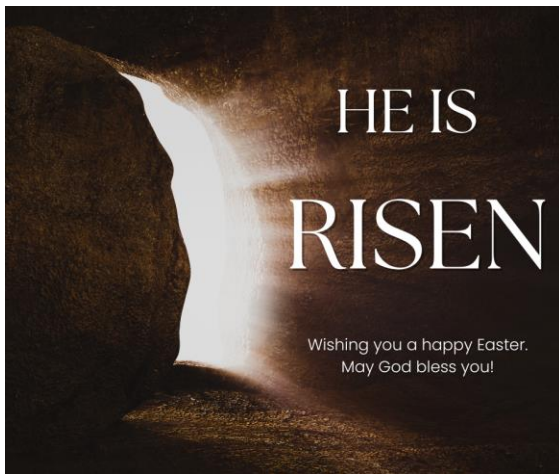
***[First Generation Board Member](#)***



In 2023 The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida welcomed our first next generation board member. [Watch here...](#)

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[Easter Reflection](#)



An Easter reflection from our Board Member and Spiritual Advisor, Very Rev. Ivan Olmo, V. F. [Read more...](#)

[Welcome: Clara Melo de Paula](#)



Join us in welcoming Clara Melo de Paula: Service & Communications Coordinator, to the CFOCF Team! [Read more...](#)



[Learn more about joining St. Katharine Drexel Society](#)



St. Katharine Drexel is the patron saint of Philanthropy. The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida strives to emulate her work by enhancing philanthropic impact which serves those who are most in need in nine counties of Central Florida.

**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

## Returning God's Gifts



## The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida

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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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