



The Catholic Foundation
of Central Florida
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Newsletter



MAY
2024

Celebrating Motherhood

May is a special month for the Catholic community as it is the month to honor Mary, Mother of Jesus. Mary is the ultimate example of motherhood and mothers all over the world embody her teachings through their nurturing presence, countless sacrifices, and unconditional love.

Mary is often depicted as a nurturing mother, caring for Jesus from birth to death. Similarly, mothers play a nurturing role in our lives through caring for our physical and emotional needs. This can manifest in many ways such as taking care of our household needs, cooking a nice meal, or just being a shoulder to cry on. Mothers usually are there for their children in more ways than given credit for. And by nurturing their children, mothers become a source of comfort and hope.



Mary's life is marked by sacrifices and mothers make countless sacrifices for their children. Whether by staying up a little longer or putting a little more food on the child's plate, mothers will usually forgo their own needs to prioritize the needs and well-being of their child.

Mary had unconditional love for Jesus, similar to a mother's unconditional love for their children. A mother's love goes beyond a child's actions and achievements. That type of love can not only fill an emotional need for the child, but also build the child into a better person. Studies show that kids from loving families show higher self-esteem, better social skills, and career success. Mother's build us into who we are and propel us into a path of righteousness through their love.

However, it is important to acknowledge that not everyone has experienced this kind of motherly love. For those who did not have loving mothers or a mother at all, it is comforting to remember that Jesus offered us His own mother, Mary. She is a universal mother who can bring us love and guide us closer to Jesus. Mary's spiritual motherhood offers comfort, support, and the nurturing presence we may seek, embodying the love and care that might be missing in our earthly experiences.

As we honor Mary in the month of May, remember to also honor the mothers in our lives. Mothers serve as our role models, often influencing our beliefs and faith. Let us reflect on their nurturing presence and unconditional love this month and find ways to embody that love into the fabric of our own lives. And for those seeking a mother's love, look to Mary, who is always there to offer her care and bring us closer to her Son.



Kimberlee Riley, CAP®

President & CEO



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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 for more details or contact Madelyn Weed, CFRE, CAP at 407-246-7188 or mweed@cfocf.org to claim your 10% Match today!

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How The Catholic Foundation

Supports Deacon's Formation

June 8th, 2024 | 10:00 a.m.
ORDINATION
to the Permanent Diaconate

Bishop Noonan will ordain 18 men to the permanent diaconate who will serve the Diocese of Orlando. Learn how CFOCF helps steward their journey. [Learn more...](#)

Protect Your Catholic Legacy

with Free Seminars

LEGACY PLANNING SEMINAR

Planning Your Catholic Legacy
Life is Unpredictable. Are You Prepared?
Learn how to create (or update) a plan that aligns with your values and protects your family and your Catholic legacy.

Contact spintoecfof.org if interested in attending or hosting a seminar

67% of Americans don't have will or estate plans in place. Learn more about our free Legacy Seminars hosted at parishes across the diocese. [Read more...](#)

The Catholic Foundation Support Parish & School Capital Campaigns

THE LEGACY CONTINUES
NATIVITY CATHOLIC CHURCH • LONGWOOD, FL

REMEMBER * REFRESH * RENEW

RENEW THE HOUSE OF THE LORD

ASCENSION CATHOLIC COMMUNITY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The Catholic Foundation's Team assists pastors, parish staff, & parishioners in supporting their parish or school campaign. Our team's expertise guides campaigns & helps them achieve their goals by preparing campaign materials to enhance awareness about needs for capital funds & engage parishioners in stewarding their parish. Click [The Legacy Continues](#) & [Renew the House of the Lord](#) to learn more about their campaigns.

Father Derek Saldanha Shares His Offertory Enhancement Experience



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Our Offertory Enhancement, Recovery Restoration Initiative, & Online Giving Campaign programs support deepening faith and stewardship to help our parishes with their day-to-day expenses. Father Saldanha shares his experience [Read More...](#)

Plant your roots this spring

Now is the time to create an estate plan and grow your impact and legacy



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PLANNED GIVING ADVISORY COUNCIL

FREEWILL 

Plant Your Roots This Spring

Spring brings new possibilities. It reminds us of the foundations created with thoughtful planning, both in nature and in our lives. Now is the perfect time to plant your roots through estate planning. [Read more...](#)

[Congratulations Marian Contest Winner:](#)

[Ella H. - St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School](#)

The Marian Essay Contest is open to 5th-8th grade students enrolled in a diocesan Catholic School, Parish Faith Formation or Youth Ministry Program.

This year, 258 faith-filled entries were submitted by students, expressing their thoughts on how we can bring Jesus to others, like Mary. The author of the winning essay received a \$1,000 scholarship award. [Read more...](#)



WHAT IS THE
Legacy
THAT YOU FEEL RESPONSIBLE
TO STEWARD?



Welcome Our New Team Member:

Natalia Bakurova



Join us in welcoming Natalia Bakurova to The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida team as our Senior Accountant position.

[Read more...](#)

The WPGC is Still Welcoming

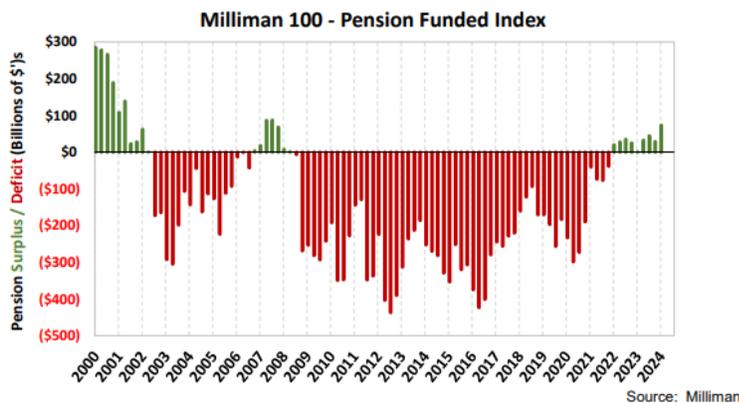
Applicants for the Grant of 2024



The Women's Philanthropic Giving Circle (WPGC) is still accepting grant applications for 2024! [Click here](#) to learn more & apply!

Market Highlights from our Trusted Partner The Concord Advisory Group, Ltd

"A Tribute to Higher Interest Rates"



The Concord Advisory Group, Ltd.

"The stock market & people looking to buy houses & cars are anxiously yearning for rate cuts, but this brief note is going to focus on the positive, the glass-half-full, side of higher rates. Today's high, by recent standards, interest rates make achieving longer-term investment

success much more attainable & are a large benefit to companies & organizations with long-term obligations. Continue reading Concord's Market Highlights article here. [Read more...](#)

BEREAVEMENT
MINISTRY

— DID YOU KNOW? —

YOUR GIFTS TO
OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL
BRING COMFORT TO
THOSE WHO MOURN.

MINISTERIO
DEL DUELO

— ¿SABÍA QUE...? —

SUS DONACIONES A
NUESTRO LLAMADO CATÓLICO
DAN CONFORT A QUIENES
LAMENTAN LA PÉRDIDA DE UN
SER QUERIDO.



OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL
The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida

*"Do all
to the Glory
of God"*



NUESTRO LLAMADO CATÓLICO
The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida

*"Háganlo
todo para la
gloria de Dios"*

The Catholic Foundation Sponsors San Pedro's Gala

Honoring Father Richard Walsh

Through our Endowment Fund, The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida sponsored San Pedro's 7th Annual Gala honoring Father Richard Walsh. The Gala raises money for San Pedro's facility and various projects for the purpose of spiritual and pastoral development. You can still donate to this year's fundraising efforts by [Clicking Here.](#)





[Learn more about joining the 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 Diocese of Orlando.

Returning God's Gifts



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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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