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# **OCTOBER** 2023

Fall brings cooler weather (even in Florida), pumpkin spice and much more as we consider what a blessing the change of seasons can be. For our team Fall brings the annual conference for the International Catholic Stewardship Council (ICSC), and this year ICSC was brought to our home here in Orlando. It is a time for us to gather with those from across our country and other countries who are focused on our stewardship and discipleship journeys. It is also a time for networking, worshipping together and growing both spiritually and professionally. This year our team was blessed to receive the international recognition for the Award for Excellence (highest honor) for both our Planned Giving program and our Total Foundation Effort. Read more...

Blessings,

**Kimberlee Riley, CAP®** 

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President & CEO













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#### <u>International Catholic Stewardship</u> Conference



The ICSC faith family traveled from different countries to gather in Orlando to reflect and learn more about how we can be good stewards of God's blessings. Read more...

#### **Estate Planning Awareness Month**



National Estate Planning Awareness Week (NEPAW) invites us to reflect on the legacy of faith and generosity we are building today for the future of our family, community and the Church. Read more...

### **Donor Stories: Mark Peoples**



Mark Peoples had a strong desire to give back to his parish and his Church beyond his offertory and Our Catholic Appeal contributions. His faith was making an impact in his life, and he had much gratitude for all God had provided him. Read more..

#### **WPGC Grants Awarded**

# St. Joseph's 125th Anniversary Gala





Through the collective philanthropy of its 32 founding members, the Women's Philanthropic Giving Circle (WPGC) was blessed to distribute grants of \$15,250 to four organizations Read more...

We were blessed to provide an event sponsorship grant to support St. Joseph Catholic Church, Lakeland's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala. Read more...

#### **Sister Diocese Special Collection**



In the Diocese of San Juan de la Maguana, located in the Dominican Republic, our Mission Office has built a sister relationship based on love, faith, trust, hope, and respect. Read more...

#### **Magnifying God-given Gifts**



Sr. Elizabeth Marie Stoup, SSJ spent her religious life advocating for the sacred dignity of all God's children with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Read more...

#### Soup Bowl Supper



The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Pathways to Care Soup Bowl Supper was hosted at St. Mary Magdalen Parish in Altamonte Springs. This ministry of Catholic Charities of Central Florida provides a rehabilitation facility for homeless. Read more...

#### **Our Catholic Appeal**



Pathways to Care (PTC) is a not for profit, licensed Assisted Living Facility, which provides medical respite to people experiencing homelessness. Your OCA gift helps support this vital ministry. Read more...



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<u>Drexel Society</u>



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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