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***Providing Hope: Hurricane Disaster Relief Fund***

**Psalm 46:1-2:** "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea".

This past month, Florida and neighboring states faced the devastating impact of multiple hurricanes. We at The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida are committed to supporting those affected by these natural disasters.

Through our Disaster Relief Fund, individuals can make donations year-round to directly help those affected by natural disasters. These contributions will assist efforts by the U.S. Catholic Church's official relief agencies, Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Relief Services. These agencies provide immediate necessities like water, food, shelter, and medical care, as well as long term rebuilding.

We are deeply grateful for the first responders who risk their lives to provide immediate assistance to our communities. Let us pray for your continued strength and resilience during these difficult times.

You can partner with The Catholic Foundation provide support to those affected by the recent hurricanes through our Disaster Relief Fund. [Click here](#) to learn more information or to donate to the fund.

Thank you for your prayer and support of our brothers and sisters in Christ!

Madelyn T. Weed, CFRE, CAP®

Interim CEO



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***Catholic Lawyers Guild Endowed Scholarship Fund***

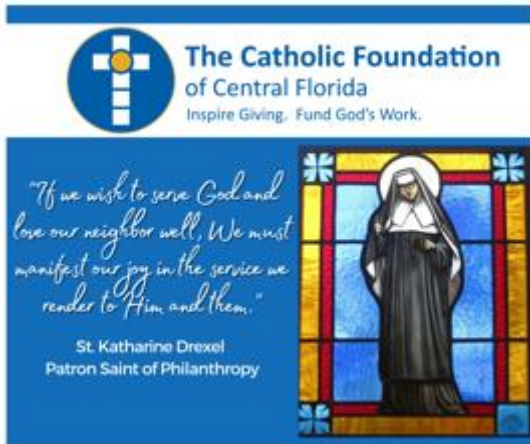


The Catholic Lawyers Guild of Central Florida has made a significant commitment to the future of Catholic lawyers by establishing an endowed scholarship fund. This initiative will help ensure that aspiring Catholic lawyers can financially complete their

degrees while integrating the teachings of the Church with traditional legal values. [Read More...](#)

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**[Commemorating All Souls Day with St. Katharine Drexel Society](#)**



As we enter the Catholic season of remembrance of our departed brothers and sisters in Christ, we would be honored to pray for a Rosary [Read More...](#)

**[Embodying St. Thérèse's Legacy Through Our Vivos Christi Society](#)**



St. Thérèse of Lisieux, also known as the Little Flower, resonates with many because of her simple approach to faith. [Read more...](#)

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**[National Estate Planning Awareness Week](#)**

**[Welcome PGAC Member: Gary LoDuca CFP®, ChFC, AIF®](#)**



Last week was National Estate Planning Awareness Week, and at The Catholic Foundation, we want to share how planning ahead can help secure the future. [Read More...](#)



Join us in welcoming our new Planned Giving Advisory Council member, Gary LoDuca CFP®, ChFC, AIF®. The PGAC is a group of [Read more...](#)

Central Florida Catholic  
Mercy Fund

...turn of events throughout the world  
...of our common humanity...

*Did You Know?*

Fundholders have entrusted CFOCF with the investment management of more than \$100 million in assets dedicated to charitable purposes in the Diocese of Orlando.

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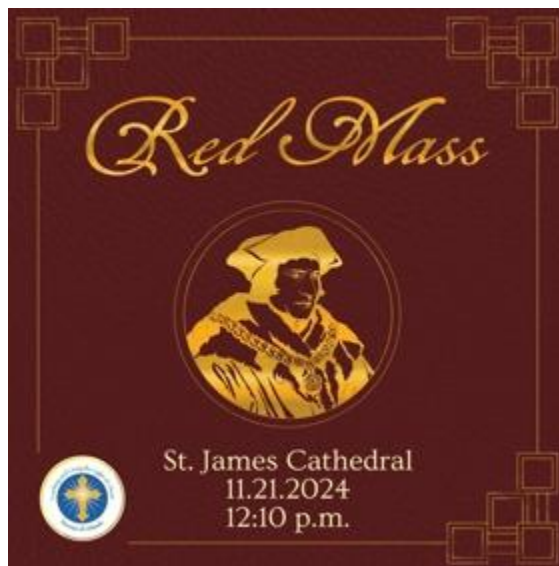
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**Celebrating the Reason for the Season  
at Festival of Trees**



Let the joy of the season shine. See or purchase The Catholic Foundation's "Follow the Star" themed tree at this year's Festival of Trees! [Read more...](#)

**Legal Professionals Invited to the 2024  
Red Mass**



Join us as Bishop Noonan celebrates Red Mass on Nov. 21st at 12:10 p.m. at St. James Catholic Cathedral. St. Thomas More is the patron saint of attorneys, lawyers, public servants, court clerks, politicians, and civil servants.

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**Mission Office Collection  
2024**



**Colecta para Oficina de Misiones 2024**



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**[Women's Giving Circle 2024 Grant Award Celebration](#)**



The Women's Philanthropic Giving Circle gathered for this year's check ceremony in October. [Read more...](#)

**[WPGC 2023 Grant Recipient: The Pregnancy Center](#)**



In this video, the WPGC catches up with The Pregnancy Center on how they put their grant money into use. [Watch now.](#)

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**[The Catholic Foundation Sponsors the Culture of Life Conference](#)**



The Catholic Foundation is proud to be this year's Culture of Life Conference sponsor. This event is aimed to educate individuals on upholding the dignity and protection of all human life. [Read more...](#)

**[Fall/Winter Event Sponsorship Grants Announced](#)**



CFOCF is proud to sponsor events all over the Central Florida area that benefit our parishes, Catholic Schools, and people in need. Our Events Sponsorship Grants [Read more...](#)

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**[Market Highlights from Our Trusted Partner The Concord Advisory Group, Ltd.](#)**

## "Evolving Emerging Markets"

### THE CONCORD ADVISORY GROUP, LTD: SEPTEMBER 2024 MARKET HIGHLIGHTS COMMENTARY: "EVOLVING EMERGING MARKETS"

Emerging markets investors assume political and governance risks, most notably from the high concentration of Chinese stocks in emerging markets indices in recent years. However, the growth of Taiwan's semiconductor industry and the emergence of India as a strong competitor to China are diversifying the China concentration in developing market indices.

In 2020, China's outsized influence on the investable emerging markets peaked, when Chinese companies comprised over 40% of the index. This high concentration in Chinese stocks created a difficult decision for investors. On one hand, China was a high-growth economy responsible for almost 20% of global GDP. On the other hand, investors in China assumed additional risks due to the authoritarian communist government, including poor corporate transparency and governance, serious demographic challenges, human rights concerns, and uncertain property rights for foreign investors. The government's influence over the stock market was demonstrated positively for investors this month, as Beijing enacted aggressive stimulus measures that drove Chinese stock prices higher.

India is not an investor's panacea, but the country has fewer structural deficiencies than China. While not fully up to developed market standards, India is a democratic nation with a common law legal system, which gives Western investors more confidence around government and corporate governance issues. India's population is relatively young and growing, unlike China's aging demographic. However, India is not without risks. Some additional caveats to consider are that Indian stocks appear expensively valued based on earnings multiples, India has a high degree of income inequality, and the country is heavily reliant on imported energy.

The volatility of emerging markets creates an environment of dynamic risks, where risk exposures can change dramatically. Of late, China-specific risks in emerging markets have been declining, while exposure to India and to Taiwan's semiconductor industry are increasingly prevalent in the index.



Source: Morningstar. As of 8/30/2024.

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[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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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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