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Heartfelt Thanks to Our Generous Donors

As we gather to celebrate Thanksgiving, The Catholic Foundation would like to extend our deepest gratitude for the generosity our donors have shown this year. Your commitment to fostering the ministries of our Church is a true testament to gratitude and charity, hallmarks of our Catholic faith.

1 Thessalonians 5:18: “In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.”

Gratitude is not only for times of joy but continuous embrace of God’s will, especially in our everyday challenges. Charity, the very essence of our mission, manifests through each act of kindness, contribution, and moment spent in service to our community.

On behalf of all those who have been blessed by your generosity, we offer our heartfelt thanks for your continued support. We pray that this Thanksgiving is filled with the joy of family, the warmth of fellowship, and the abundant blessings of God's love. May you experience His peace and grace as you gather around the table, giving thanks for all His gifts.

With deepest gratitude and warmest wishes for a blessed season,



Madelyn T. Weed, CFRE, CAP®

Interim CEO



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After 32 years of service, Marta Sweeney began her retirement on All Saints Day. She was recognized with the Mary Mother of God award, [Read more...](#)

[Join Us at the Festival of Trees](#)



The Festival of Trees is a fundraiser that supports the Orlando Museum of Art's educational programs and general operations. This event showcases a stunning array of intricately designed trees available for bidding in an online auction.

This year, The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida is proud to present a tree designed by Birgit Catalan and Jon Trout. Their theme, "Follow the Star" draws inspiration from the Universe window at the Day Star Chapel in the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary.

Festival of Trees Event Details:

- Dates: November 16th-24th
- Location: Orlando Museum of Art

[Click here](#) to place your bid on our beautifully crafted tree.

[Karen Monteleone Elected Chair of the Board of Directors](#)

[Board of Directors Annual Meeting & Retreat](#)





The Catholic Foundation's Board of Directors gathered at the San Pedro Spiritual Development Center for their Annual Meeting and Retreat. This retreat is an opportunity for spiritual reflection and planning for the year ahead. [Read more...](#)

Karen is an accomplished board and nonprofit executive, with nearly two decades of experience in enhancing organizational success through strategic relationships. We are blessed to have Karen Monteleone as the Chair of our Board of Directors. [Read more...](#)

[WPGC Retreat Focuses on Life of Millennial Saint](#)



Members of the Women's Philanthropic Giving Circle gathered at San Pedro Spiritual Development Center for a retreat led by the Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary. [Read more...](#)

[Philanthropy Moment: Power in Numbers](#)



Madelyn Weed, CFRE, CAP®, Interim CEO, discusses how The Catholic Foundation offers opportunities for collective philanthropy to make a greater impact. [Click here](#) to watch.



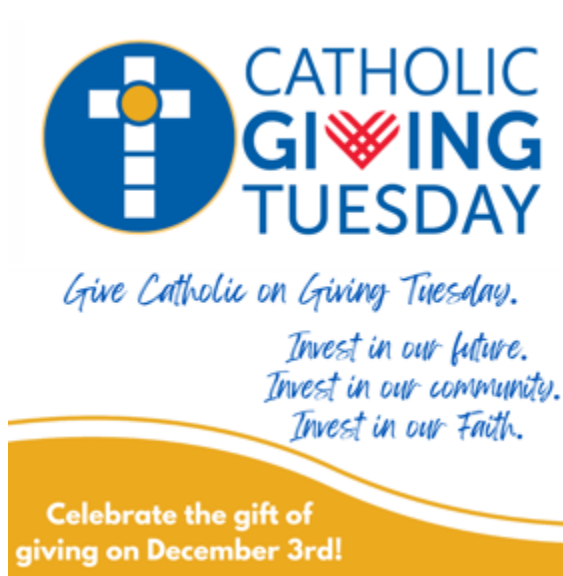
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Inspire Giving. Fund God's Work.

Ten Tips for Year-End Giving

- 1 *Review Your Budget*
- 2 *Give Strategically*
- 3 *Understand Tax Advantages*
- 4 *Consider a Donor Advised Fund*
- 5 *Explore Different Ways to Give*
- 6 *Take Advantage of Year-End Appeals*
- 7 *Set Up Pledge Payments*
- 8 *Explore Legacy Planning Options*
- 9 *Engage Your Family*
- 10 *Review Your Giving Plan*



Catholic Giving Tuesday is December 3rd!



Joyfully share in God's abundance this holiday season by supporting your favorite parishes, schools and ministries. This year consider giving Catholic on Giving Tuesday [Read More...](#)

Catholic Charities of Central Florida Annual Collection 2024



Catholic Charities Annual Collection supports their ministry, provides food, healthcare, housing, Immigration, Refugee services, & Family Stability Programs. [Donate here](#)



Did You Know?

99% of our managed charitable funds are invested in "Catholic Compliant" portfolios that:

- support human life
- encourage corporate responsibility
- promote human dignity

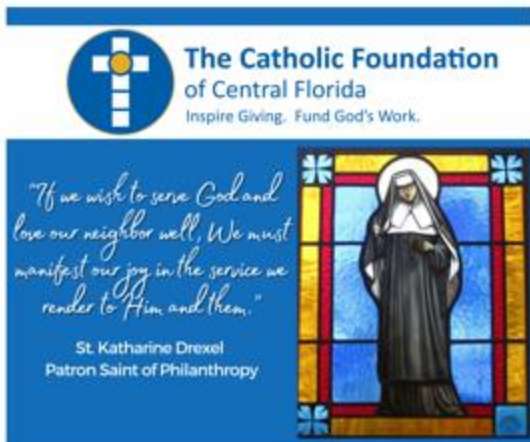


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Commemorating All Souls Day with St.
Katharine Drexel Society

Welcome PGAC Member: Susan Rae
Giacoletto, JD



During the Catholic season of remembrance, we would be honored to pray the Rosary for the intentions of our St. Katharine Drexel Society donors. [Read more...](#)



Susan Giacoletto is a parishioner of Our Lady of the Lakes and Vice President of the conference of St. Vincent de Paul at All Souls. She serves clients in the areas of family law, probate, wills & trusts [Read more...](#)

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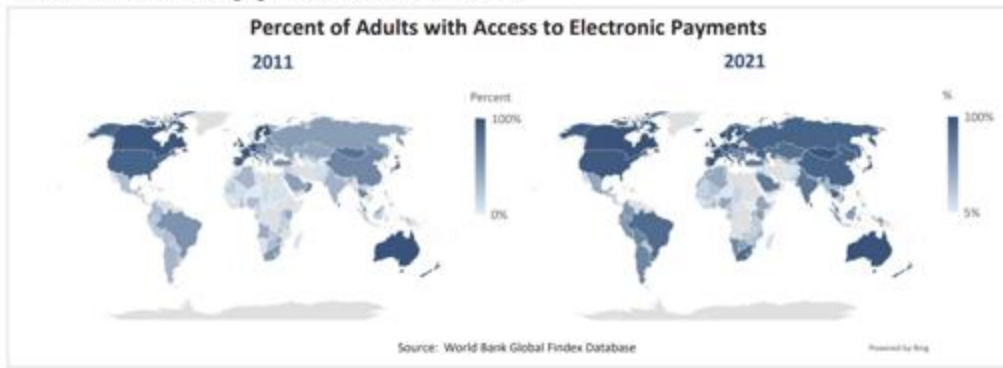
"Digital Payments Everywhere"

THE CONCORD ADVISORY GROUP, LTD: OCTOBER 2024 MARKET HIGHLIGHTS COMMENTARY: "DIGITAL PAYMENTS EVERYWHERE"

Technology themes have been driving markets. Semiconductors were the first to benefit from the AI theme. Next was a second order effect, Utilities rallied as they benefit from the massive power demands of AI data centers. Broadening financial inclusion through mobile banking is another technology advancement that is improving the lives of people in developing countries.

The maps below show the progress in financial inclusion globally. In developing countries, 57% of adults made or received digital payments in 2021, up from 35% in 2014.¹ This improvement is due to growing technology infrastructure. In the least developed nations, mobile money is filling in the void left by citizens not having access to traditional banking. The digital technology bridge connecting citizens in poorer countries to the global financial system has the potential to improve capital formation, increase trade, and can improve both the growth potential and standard of living in developing countries.

The rallies in semiconductors and utilities demonstrate how profitable technology trades can be for investors. Albeit a slower and longer-term trend, financial inclusion is another area of technological growth with the potential to have broad-based positive impacts on both the citizens of emerging markets countries and investors.



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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



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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