



**FEBRUARY
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Reflecting God's Love Through Stewardship this Valentine's Day

This Valentine's Day, let us reflect on a principle central to our faith, "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:39). As Catholics, we are called to steward the gifts God has entrusted to us - our time, talent, and treasure - and share them generously to support those in need, embodying the virtue of charity that reflects the love of mankind.

The Catholic Foundation offers many initiatives, such as our endowment and donor advised funds (DAFs), to manifest this love in our community.

Our endowment funds provide a perpetual source of annual income to support the Catholic organization of your choice. These funds support essential services, educational programs, and outreach initiatives that uplift our neighbors. By building and managing these funds, we create a legacy of love that continues to benefit generations to come.

Our Catholic donor advised funds (DAFs) are a simple and flexible way to support the causes that matter most to you and align with your Catholic values. DAFs allow you to make gifts to multiple Catholic or Catholic-compliant organizations throughout your lifetime and allow you to name children or grandchildren as successor advisors.

These funds also grow in socially responsible investments to create a lasting legacy. The Catholic Foundation utilizes the best in-class investment services to ensure your dollars are growing in Catholic Compliant investments.

As we commemorate Valentine's Day, embrace the opportunity to love your neighbors by building your charitable legacy. Through our endowment funds and DAFs, we extend our hearts and hands to those around us to build a stronger community.

[Click here](#) if you would like to learn more about our endowment and donor-advised funds.



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CFOCF Awarded the GuideStar Platinum Seal of Transparency



We are blessed to announce that Candid has awarded The Catholic Foundation the GuideStar Platinum Seal of Transparency. This recognition is a testament of our commitment to transparency, accountability, and excellence in nonprofit management. [Read more...](#)

Women's Philanthropic Giving Circle Kickoff Event

Philanthropy Moment: How to Grow Successful Endowment Funds



2025 Kickoff Event
*Proclaiming "Yes" to God's call to active works
of charity as witnesses of faith and hope*

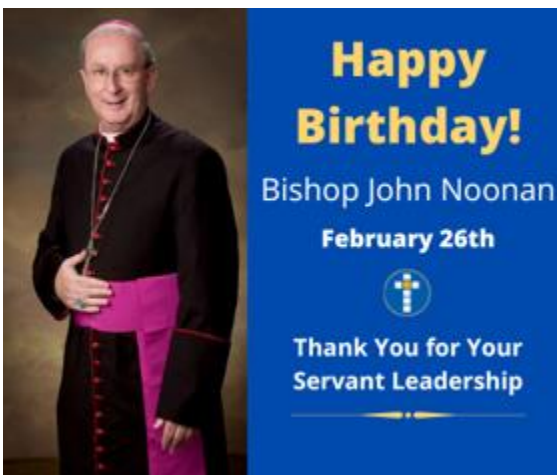
February 22th
**St. Margaret Mary
Catholic Church**



We are excited to announce the date for our 2025 Kickoff Event: February 22 at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Winter Park! Bishop John Noonan has [Read More...](#)

Nia Herald, VP & Chief Financial Officer CAP®, discusses ways the Catholic Foundation assists anyone in establishing and growing an Endowment Fund. [Click here](#) to watch.

Consider Making a Donation to this Year's Our Catholic Appeal



Your contribution to Our Catholic Appeal helps support essential services in our community. [Click here](#) to learn more and make your donation.

Monthly Legacy Reflection

**What is one piece of wisdom
you've learned that you would
share with others?**



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***Thank You Legacy Seminar
Participants!***



January was a busy but impactful month for CFOCF! As a Catholic community, we trust in God's gift of everlasting life. Our attendees, hosts, and speakers exemplified this beautiful belief at our four January Legacy Planning [Read more...](#)

***Profound Act of Love Through
Thoughtful Estate Planning***



When we dedicate our time to reflect and plan, we listen to God's call to be good stewards of the gifts He has given us. This month, put love into action! Create your estate plans and manage the blessings we have been given. [Learn More...](#)

Market Highlights from Our Trusted Partner The Concord Advisory Group, Ltd.

"Trending Assets"

**THE CONCORD ADVISORY GROUP, LTD: JANUARY 2025 MARKET HIGHLIGHTS
COMMENTARY: "TRENDING ASSETS"**

One method we utilize to determine if an investment has illiquidity risk is to calculate its autocorrelation of returns¹. Autocorrelation is a measurement of the relationship of one period's return to the prior period's return. A large positive autocorrelation indicates that the prior quarter's return is predictive of the next quarter's return. This usually happens when returns are based on smoothed appraisals, instead of an active trading market.

At .86, versus a maximum value of 1, the returns of open-ended real estate strategies, as represented by the NCREIF ODCE (Open End Diversified Equity) Real Estate benchmark, have among the highest levels of quarterly autocorrelation. The prior quarter's return is highly predictive of the next quarter's return.

Due to higher interest rates and lower demand for office space, open end real estate funds have been in a bear market since September 2022. Many of the underlying funds in the benchmark restrict redemptions. However, in the third quarter of 2024, ODCE's return was +0.25%. In the fourth quarter, positive property appreciation occurred for the first time in over 2-years. Trailing returns for open end private real estate strategies, which have historically been predictive of future returns, have turned positive.

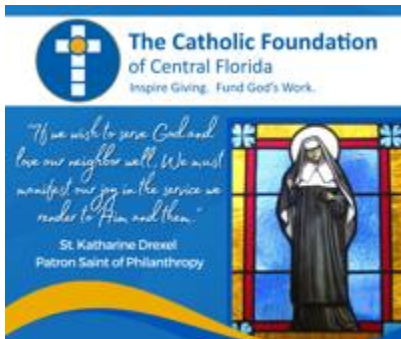


1. Amir Khandani & Andrew Lo, "Locality Premium in Asset Returns," 6/24/2009. Sources: NCREIF & CoStar

The Concord Advisory Group, Ltd.

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Join Us March 3rd for St. Katharine Drexel's Feast Day!



Mark Your Calendars! On March 3rd, our Church celebrates the Feast Day of our patron saint, St. Katharine Drexel.

We joyously pray for and offer the intentions of all of the charitable hearts [Read more...](#)



[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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of Central Florida
Inspire Giving. Fund God's Work.

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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