



Newsletter



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Walking Together Toward Easter

As Easter draws closer, we find ourselves in a stillness of space in between sacrifice and celebration, sorrow and hope. It is a time that calls for patience and reflection as we approach this holy celebration.

The journey through Lent is not meant to be taken alone. At The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida, we believe in walking alongside our parishes, ministries, and donors to support efforts that bring faith to life.

Every grant awarded, every parish supported, and every endowment grown is not just about the dollars that are raised but the people who are served. Together, we are strengthening the Church, supporting Catholic education, and caring for those in need across our Diocese.

Let us continue to build each other up through faith, generosity, and a shared hope in the Resurrection. May you all have a blessed Easter.

Together in Christ,

Madelyn T. Weed, CFRE, CAP®

Interim CEO



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Got a minute? Our 2-question survey will help us make our website more useful to you—[click here](#) to share your thoughts!

Double Your Impact: Volusia Catholic School Endowment Fund

What if your charitable giving...
...could be as everlasting as God's love?

- Endowed funds last into perpetuity and generate annual income without depleting the original donations.
- Endowed funds grow in Catholic-compliant investments!
- **DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT!** For a limited time, all donations into the Volusia County Catholic School Endowment Fund will be matched dollar for dollar up to **\$15,000!**

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Philanthropy Moment: What is the Vivos Christi Society?

Philanthropy Moment

WHAT IS THE VIVOS CHRISTI SOCIETY?

Madelyn Weed, CFRE, CAP® Interim CEO, discusses how to become a member of the Vivos Christi Society and how the Catholic Foundation facilitates making a planned gift to your parish, school, or ministry. [Click here](#) to watch.



Did You Know?

It costs nothing to benefit your favorite ministry through your will or trust!



***Women's Giving Circle Grant
Applications Now Open!***

***Growing Our Planned Giving Advisory
Council***




WOMEN'S
 Philanthropic Giving Circle
 Collective • Compassionate • Catholic
 A Fund of The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida

2025 GRANT APPLICATION
now open


June 2, 2025
 Submission Deadline

[CFOCF.ORG/WPGCGRANT](https://cfocf.org/wpgcgrant)
APPLY NOW!



The WPGC is accepting applications for the 2025 grant cycle, available to Catholic compliant non-profit organizations who serve the people of Central Florida. Are you part of a non-profit or have an organization in mind? [Click here](#) to learn more about the WPGC's criteria and application process.



PLANNED GIVING ADVISORY COUNCIL
Catholic Financial & Estate Planning Professionals

You are invited to join a group of Central Florida Catholic professionals serving clients with financial and estate planning.

PGAC Member Benefits

- Professional Networking
- Continuing Education
- Access to Client Resources & Nationally-Recognized Speakers
- Business Development


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The Planned Giving Advisory Council is a group of Catholic advisors who serve clients with their financial and estate planning needs. The PGAC offers educational and networking opportunities to professionals so they can help their clients realize their philanthropic impact. [Click here](#) to learn more about the PGAC.

[St. Charles Borromeo Legacy Planning Seminar Recap](#)



Thank you to everyone who joined us for the March 29th Legacy Planning Event at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Orlando. [Click here](#) to read more about the seminar.

Monthly Legacy Reflection

**What are some of your favorite stories
from your parents' generation?
Why are these stories important to you?**



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

"Death, Taxes, & Recurring Cash Flows"

**THE CONCORD ADVISORY GROUP, LTD: MARCH 2025 MARKET HIGHLIGHTS
COMMENTARY: "DEATH, TAXES, & RECURRING CASH FLOWS "**

The three charts below show very different levels of concern about U.S. economic policy and higher tariffs. The amount of news coverage of the economic uncertainty surrounding tariffs exceeds that of 9/11 and rivals that of Covid and the 2008/09 Financial Crisis. To the contrary, investment markets seem unconcerned. Equity volatility and credit spreads have moved only modestly higher, and neither are at elevated levels. The collective wisdom of markets understands that although there may be some economic stress, consumers, Fed policy, and companies are adaptable.

Having successfully navigated several prior periods of elevated uncertainty, most investors have learned to monitor but largely be unreactive to headline risks. The successful long-term investor's thesis is to own long-term, compounding and recurring cash flows. The lack of panic in markets shows that most investors realize that it would require an extraordinary amount of disruption to change the long-term prospects of markets and companies.

Ben Franklin once said that in this world nothing is certain except death and taxes. Corporate adaptability and recurring cash flows may not be as certain as death and taxes, but they should be sufficiently reliable to give experienced investors and markets confidence.



Chart Notes: Economic Uncertainty Baker, Bloom & Davis US Economic Policy Uncertainty Index, CBOE Volatility Index, Bloomberg OAS to Treasuries

The Concord Advisory Group, Ltd.

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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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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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