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**Summer: Time to Reflect, Reconnect, and Serve**

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.." (1 Peter 4:10)

This verse reminds us that stewardship is not only about giving—it's about service, intention, and faithful collaboration. Summertime offers a welcome opportunity to slow down, reflect, and reconnect with loved ones. It's also a meaningful time to have conversations with family about values, legacy, and the role of charity in our lives. At The Catholic Foundation, we are blessed to walk alongside generous individuals, families and the advisors who support them, helping ensure that their generosity not only reflects a donor's intentions but also brings lasting benefit to our Church and community.

Whether you're beginning this conversation or deepening a long-standing tradition of giving, we invite you to explore resources on our website—like our *Family Mission Statement* guide and *Philanthropy Moment* video series—designed to support thoughtful, Christ-centered generosity.

I pray you and your loved ones have a joyful summer.



Madelyn T. Weed, CFRE, CAP®

President & CEO



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**Madelyn Weed Named President and CEO of The Catholic Foundation**



Following a thorough & prayerful discernment process, the Board of Directors for CFOCF has appointed Madelyn Weed as President & Chief Executive Officer. [Read more...](#)

**Philanthropy Moment: Have You Had The Talk Yet?**



Jeannette Eddy CAP®, Director of Philanthropy, explains why it is important to discuss the details of our will and estate plans with our children. [Click here](#) to watch video.

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# Did You Know?

Investing is for your charitable dollars, as well – and can multiply your impact in a hassle-free way. Catholic-compliant charitable investment accounts make a difference while passively growing your philanthropy.

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*Congratulations to Our CAP® Study  
Group Graduates!*

*Jeannette Eddy Receives CAP®  
Designation*



Join us in congratulating the graduates. To earn a CAP® designation, advisors have to complete a comprehensive curriculum that equips non-profit professionals with the tools they need. [Read more...](#)



Congratulations to Jeannette Eddy CAP®, Director of Philanthropy at CFOCF, for earning her CAP® designation! [Click here](#) to get to know Jeannette and the rest of our team!

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**[Join Us in Welcoming Our New PGAC Members](#)**



Our Planned Giving Advisory Council (PGAC) welcomes three new members extending our reach to nine counties of the diocese of Orlando. The PGAC supports the Central Florida community in maximizing their philanthropic impact [Read more...](#)

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***The Catholic Foundation Awards Adam R. the Marian Essay Contest Prize***



Join us in congratulating Adam R., recent graduate of Holy Family Catholic School, on receiving 1st place out of 400+ submissions in the 2025 Marian Essay Contest. Adam will use his scholarship to continue his Catholic education at Bishop Moore High School. [Click here](#) to learn more about the Marian Essay Contest and read Adam's submission.

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Monthly Legacy Reflection

**What is the best thing someone  
has ever done for you?  
How do you honor that act?**



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

*"A Very Different Bond Index"*

## THE CONCORD ADVISORY GROUP, LTD: MAY 2025 MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

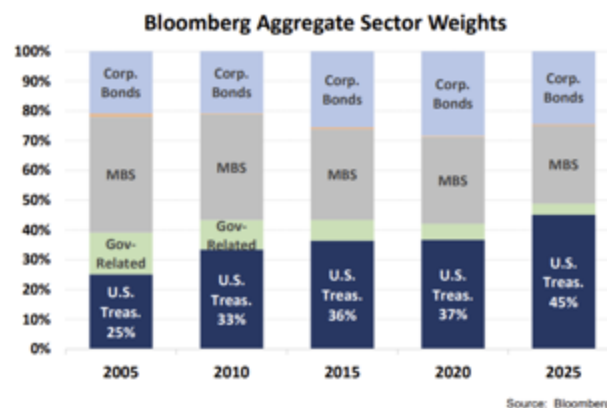
### COMMENTARY: "A VERY DIFFERENT BOND INDEX"

When it comes to issuing debt, no entity surpasses the U.S. government. In 2024 the Federal government net issued \$1.9 trillion in new marketable debt including over \$1.3 trillion in bonds and notes eligible for the Bloomberg Aggregate Index. As the chart shows, Treasury bonds now represent 45% of the Bloomberg Agg Index, up from 25% in 2005, underscoring how dramatically the index has shifted in recent years.

There are significant differences in the mechanics of how stock and bond indices are constructed. All market cap indices and the associated index funds allocate to securities based on the market value of securities outstanding. In equity indices, outperforming stocks typically see their index weights increase as their market values rise. For bonds, index weights are determined by the total amount of debt securities outstanding, meaning that entities that borrow more will become a larger part of the index. Therefore, a bond index fund will have a higher exposure to companies and governments that issue more debt. A higher debt burden is not a positive credit attribute.

As government deficits are persistent, the amount of relatively lower yielding Treasury bonds in benchmark bond indexes is going to continue to grow. Owning a larger and increasing amount of Treasury bonds due to government deficit spending, associated bond issuance, and bond index construction methodology is probably not the optimal fixed income strategy. Active bond managers should be able to continue to find opportunities to outperform the evolving and often inefficient bond indices.

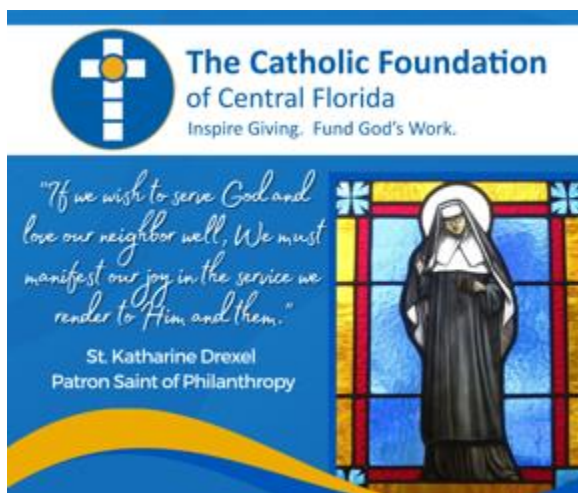
The shifting nature of bond indices highlights the importance of regularly reviewing fixed income allocations and considering whether a passive fixed income approach remains well suited for today's evolving market environment.



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### **Carry Her Mission Forward: Join The St. Katharine Drexel Society Today**



St. Katharine Drexel's unwavering commitment to education and empowerment continues to inspire us today. Her teachings and actions resonate in the mission of The Catholic Foundation, where, with your support, we strive to make real the charitable giving goals of our community through parish fundraising support, Catholic-compliant stewardship of donor gifts, philanthropic advising, giving circles, community grants, and so much

more. [Click here](#) to learn more about the St. Katharine Drexel Society and how to become a member.

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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.

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#### ***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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