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Newsletter



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Year-End Giving: A Joyful Response to God's Blessings

As December begins - the most charitable month of the year - we are deeply grateful for the outpouring of generosity shared on Giving Tuesday. Your joyful response reflects the heart of our faith, reminding us that *"God loves a cheerful giver"* (2 Corinthians 9:7). In Catholic tradition, this time is an opportunity to recognize how God has worked in our lives throughout the year and to respond with generosity of spirit.

Together, Catholics across Central Florida are making year-end gifts that are strengthening parishes, sustaining vital ministries, and building lasting legacies through endowments, donor advised funds, and prayerfully planned gifts. As you continue to reflect on the blessings of this past year and the impact you hope to make before December 31, we invite you to explore the helpful year-end giving tips shared in this newsletter.

The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida is honored to walk with you as a trusted partner in stewardship today and in the years to come. May this season of

giving bring peace to your heart, clarity to your plans, and renewed gratitude for the good we can accomplish together.



Madelyn T. Weed, CFRE, CAP®

President & CEO

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[Meet Our New Board Chair: Dr. Robert Kryger](#)



Dr. Robert Kryger has been a dedicated member of the CFOCF Board since October 2020, serving as Treasurer and Chair of the Investment Committee. He is an entrepreneurial scientist, having owned small companies specializing in food products, chemical processing, real estate, packaging and medical devices. Semi-retired, he holds a Ph.D. in Physics from the University of Notre Dame and an appointment as Adjunct Professor of Physics at Florida Polytechnic University. He is extensively published in a variety of subjects, most recently completing a book on the history of the citrus flavor industry in Florida.

Robert has been happily married for more than 35 years to his wife Judy, and together they are the parents of four grown sons. They are parishioners at Resurrection Catholic Church in Lakeland, FL. Robert has served on the Parish Finance Committee, Alive in Christ Campaign Committee and for many years on the Resurrection Catholic School Board. [Click here](#) to meet more of our board members.

First Look at New Gospel Gardens at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary



Bishop John Noonan and The Catholic Foundation welcomed guests for a sneak peek of the new Gospel Gardens featuring sculptures by artist Timothy Schmalz.. [Read more...](#)

Philanthropy Moment: Donating Stock Can Provide a Double Tax Benefit



Madelyn Weed, CFRE, CAP®, explains how easy it is to donate appreciated stock and how this type of gift can help supporters avoid capital gains tax while receiving a charitable deduction. [Click here](#) to watch.

Monthly Legacy Reflection

Who do I prioritize on my gift list each holiday season? Why?



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12 Days of Christmas Year-end Giving Tips



In the true spirit of the Christmas season of giving, we are thrilled to announce our new social media series: 12 Days of

Faces of Philanthropy: Meet Board Member Elisha Gonzalez



Elisha González is a strategic and trusted Business Leader, Educator and Public Affairs Executive with an

Christmas Year-End Giving Tips! For tips now, visit our [Giving Tips](#) page.

extensive career of strengthening stakeholder relations. Elisha leads external affairs and [Read more...](#)

CFOCF Trivia:

CFOCF processes gifts of stock and securities to any ministry in our Diocese at this cost to the ministry and donor:

- A)** No cost - completely complimentary
- B)** \$1,000
- C)** 5%
- D)** 20%



Answer: A) No cost- completely complimentary

Lighting the Path: 25 Years of Catholic Education Endowment



Trinity Catholic High School established a new endowment funding celebration of its 25th anniversary, which marks a significant milestone since the graduation of its inaugural class in 2004. In the [Read more...](#)

The Foundation Sponsors Bishop Moore Catholic's Legacy Gala



The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida was honored to sponsor the 2025 Bishop Moore Catholic Legacy Gala on November 8 at Rosen Shingle Creek. This annual event celebrates [Read more...](#)

WPGC Grant at Work: IDignity



With the support of the Women's Philanthropic Giving Circle, iDignity is walking alongside individuals seeking identification, helping them reclaim opportunities and rebuild their lives. [Click here](#) to watch.



Did You Know?

Donating stock before December 31 could reduce your taxable income, eliminate capital gains tax, and turn your investments into lasting impact.



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**LEGACY
PLANNING
SEMINAR**

Saturday
Jan 31, 2026
12:00PM - 3:30PM

Planning Your Catholic Legacy
Life is Unpredictable. Are You Prepared?

Learn how to create (or update) a plan that aligns with your values and protects your family and your Catholic legacy.

RSVP to receive a folder filled with FREE planning resources!

SAINT PATRICK
Catholic Foundation of Central Florida

St. Patrick Catholic Church
1802 Old Highway 441
Bartow, FL 34750

About this seminar

When you plan for the future, you can make sure that your loved ones know and followed. If you have never been busy, worried that building a plan is too expensive, or simply procrastinating, this FREE seminar will help get you started on building or updating your family's important life and legacy plans. This is a chance to have your questions answered by Catholic professionals on these important topics at no charge and with no obligations.

Seating is limited.

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Missed Giving Tuesday?

Reminder!

You can still give with a generous, faith-filled heart

TODAY!

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

"Quality Dispersion"

Quality Dispersion

Dispersion measures how much the performance of individual stocks diverges from each other. The equity market goes through periods of high dispersion, when the composition of the equity portfolio has a meaningful impact on performance, and low-dispersion periods, when the equity composition matters much less. The AI theme, which has driven up the stock prices of a select group of AI-related stocks, has correspondingly driven equity dispersion to elevated levels.

The chart compares the six-month trailing return difference between the S&P 500 Quality Index and the S&P 500. The S&P Quality Index, a subset of the S&P 500, is comprised of the top 100 stocks ranked by quality metrics (ROE, accruals & leverage). The underperformance of quality stocks is on par with the dot.com bubble experience, which preceded a sharp performance reversal back to quality.

Measures, such as the CBOE S&P 500 Dispersion Index (ticker DSPX), indicate that elevated equity dispersion is likely to persist for a while, but do not predict the types of stocks that will outperform. Staying the course with companies that exhibit strong fundamental and quality metrics has historically worked out well over long-term horizons, particularly when starting point is following a market cycle dominated by thematic leadership and high dispersion.



Chart Sources: Bloomberg, Jeff Weniger - WisdomTree

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. [here](#).

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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