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Newsletter



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Legacy Giving: Combining Faith, Values, and Love

Valentine's Day invites us to reflect on how love, faith, and personal values play a role in our lives. Our values guide not only how we live, but also how we choose to care for the Church and our community.

Legacy giving is one-way you bring faith and love together in a lasting and intentional way. By including a charitable gift in your will or estate plan, you can ensure the causes closest to your heart continues to be supported.

For those who wish to begin this process, tools like [FreeWill](#), along with the guidance of The Catholic Foundation and our [Planned Giving Advisory Council](#) members, make it easier to create a will and thoughtfully plan a legacy rooted in faith and love.

Scripture reminds us, *“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also”* (Matthew 6:21). As we reflect this Valentine’s season, legacy giving offers a way to

align our faith, our values, and our love, creating an impact that continues well beyond today.



Madelyn T. Weed, CFRE, CAP®

President & CEO

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Philanthropy Moment: What is the Vivos Christi Society?



Madelyn Weed, CFRE, CAP® President & CEO, explains the purpose and impact of the Vivos Christi Society in this quick video. [Click here](#) to watch.

This February, Make Planning an Act of Love



This month, you not only celebrate the feast day of St. Valentine, but you can also begin preparing your mind and heart for the sacred journey of Lent. [Read more...](#)

Monthly Legacy Reflection

What is the most joyful gift you have ever given?



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*Faces of Philanthropy: Meet WPGC
Member Kelly Ordonez*



I currently serve as the Director of Finance for Olive Garden at Darden Restaurants. As a CPA and graduate of

*WPGC: Welcoming New Members for
2026*



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

2026 Kickoff Event

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

February 24th
St. James Cathedral



Join the Women's Philanthropic Giving Circle for their 2026 Kickoff event at St. James Cathedral on Feb. 24th. Visit

Villanova University, I began my career in public accounting at KPMG before [Read more...](#)

the [WPGC page](#) to learn more and become a member today.





Did You Know?

Our Planned Giving Advisory Council is growing – if you are looking to consult a professional that shares your Catholic values, our directory is a great resource.

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***Quiet Generosity: Anonymous
Philanthropy with a DAF!***

***Introducing Our Hearts of
Philanthropy Series***



Can I give anonymously to a Catholic cause I care about? [Watch our video](#) to learn more about how The Catholic Foundation can assist you in giving with the amount of recognition that feels right for you.



At The Catholic Foundation, generosity is expressed in various beautiful ways. Our new Hearts of Philanthropy series will highlight stories of quiet acts of charity. [Read more...](#)

CFOCF Trivia:

How does CFOCF support ministries in our Diocese?

- A)** Charitable Investment Fund Management
- B)** Grants, fundraising resources, and legacy events
- C)** Planned giving and complex gift support
- D)** All of the above



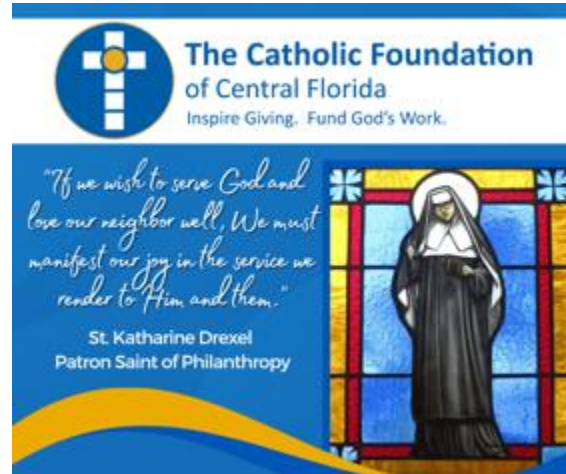
D. All of the above

**Congratulations 2026 Spring/Summer
Grant Recipients**



The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida provides event sponsorship grants to support diocesan organizations as they spread the [Read more...](#)

**Preparing for the Feast Day of St.
Katharine Drexel on March 3rd**



As we approach the March 3rd Feast Day of St. Katharine Drexel, we invite you to reflect on the legacy of the Church's patron saint of philanthropy [Read more...](#)

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

"Demographics, Automation, and Long-term Inflation"

Demographics, Automation, and Long-term Inflation

If the disinflationary effects of demographics and AI-driven productivity gains offset the inflationary effects of persistent government deficits and debt monetization, the long-run inflation outlook may be more balanced than the current consensus expects.

Birth rates in rich countries have been falling for decades and recently have taken another leg down. All major economies, including the United States (about 1.6), China (~1.0), Japan (~1.2), Germany (~1.4), the United Kingdom (~1.6), and Canada (~1.3) have birth rates well below the level necessary to maintain a population, 2.1 births per woman.

The chart below compares smoothed CPI to the U.S. fertility rate lagged 20 years. Academic literature finds a linkage between an increase in the number of children and inflation.¹ Children create demand for goods, as their parents buy houses, clothes, bigger cars, sports, furniture, etc., but children do not offset their consumption with work. All else equal, a society with a higher percentage of young adults and children has more excess demand for goods and services than one with an older population.

Likewise, academic research shows that productivity and efficiency gains from new technology follow a J-curve path.² Early on, the rapid growth in spending on infrastructure, data centers, and semiconductors for automation is inflationary, increasing demand for resources without meaningfully improving economic output or productivity.³ Productivity and efficiency gains occur in the later phases of a technological revolution. AI and capex spending is inflationary today but could be deflationary long-term if it increases productivity and displaces labor.

Inflation concerns stemming from uncontrolled government deficits and fiat money printing are valid, but less discussed demographic and technological innovation trends may have an underappreciated and offsetting deflationary impact.



1. Juselius & Takáts, "The Enduring Link between Demography and Inflation," BIS Working Paper 722, 2018.

2. Brynjolfsson, Rock, & Syverson, "The Productivity J Curve: How Intangibles Complement General Purpose Technologies," American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics, 13(1), 2021.

3. Solow's Paradox - Economist Robert Solow famously said in 1987 that the computer age was everywhere except for the productivity statistics.

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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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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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