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Stewardship Rooted in Gratitude

Stewardship begins with gratitude. When we recognize that all we have is a gift from God, we are moved to share those blessings in service to others.

St. Katharine Drexel lived this truth with extraordinary faith. She believed the gifts entrusted to her were meant to build up the Church and serve those most in need, creating a legacy that continues to inspire generations. As she wrote, *“Ours is the spirit of the Eucharist, the total gift of self.”*

That same spirit lives on through the St. Katharine Drexel Society. Through their faithful annual support, members help sustain the mission of The Catholic Foundation and ensure that Catholic ministries continue to flourish for generations to come.

We are deeply grateful for the generosity that makes this work possible and invite you to prayerfully consider how you may be called to participate in this shared mission of stewardship. If you feel inspired to deepen your partnership in

this mission, we welcome you to learn more about joining the [St. Katharine Drexel Society](#) and becoming part of a community committed to faithful and lasting impact.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Madelyn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter 'M' being particularly large and stylized.

Madelyn T. Weed, CFRE, CAP®

President & CEO

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CFOCF Board of Directors welcomes two new clergy members: Fr. Kenneth

[*Honoring Fr. Olmo for His Years of Board Service*](#)



At their February meeting, the Board of Directors recognized Fr. Ivan Olmo for

Gill, rector of the Basilica of St. Paul, and Fr. Matthew Hawkins, also serving as our Spiritual Advisor, pastor of Annunciation Catholic Church. [Click here](#) to learn more about our new Board members.

his faithful leadership which has shaped The Catholic Foundation in profound and lasting ways. For nine years, he served both as a member of the Board and as our Spiritual Advisor [Read more...](#)

Monthly Legacy Reflection

How has gratitude shaped the way you serve others?



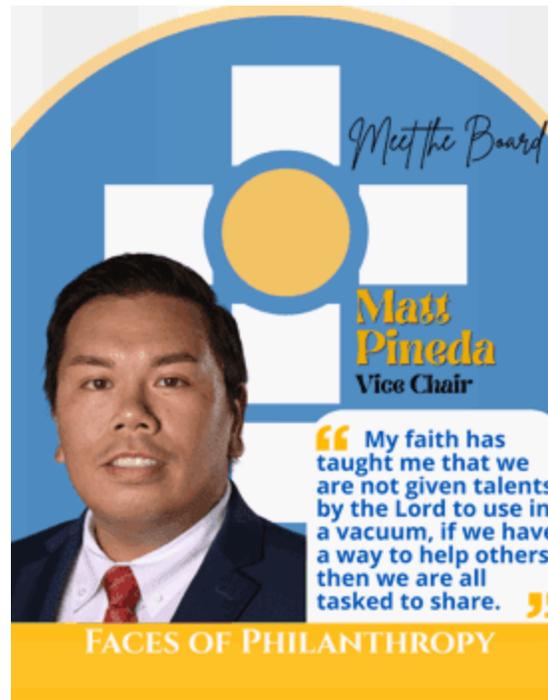
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Jeannette Eddy, CAP®, CFOCF Director of Philanthropy, discusses how giving to an endowment creates a lasting legacy that supports the Church’s mission far into the future, not just today. [Click here](#) to watch.



A trust & estate attorney, Matt was introduced to The Catholic Foundation through friends and colleagues at Bishop Moore. Matt serves as Board Vice Chair and is a PGAC member. [Read more...](#)





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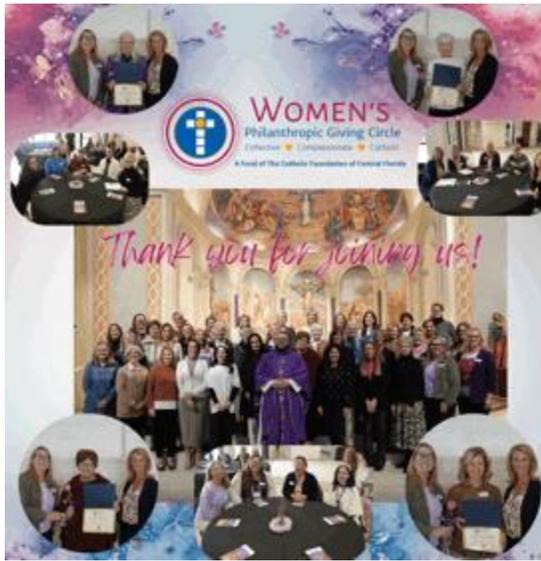
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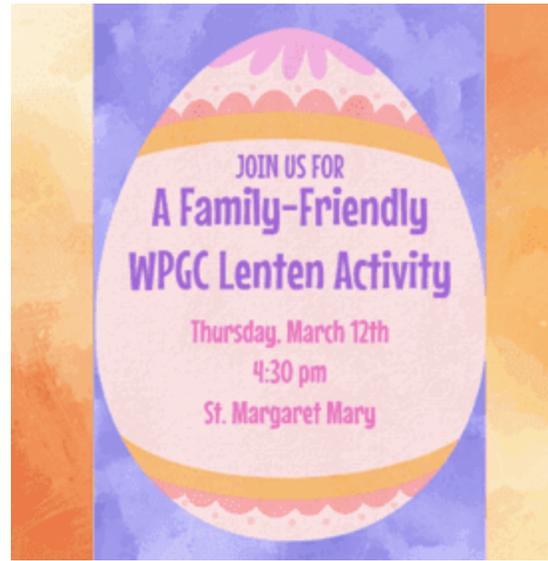


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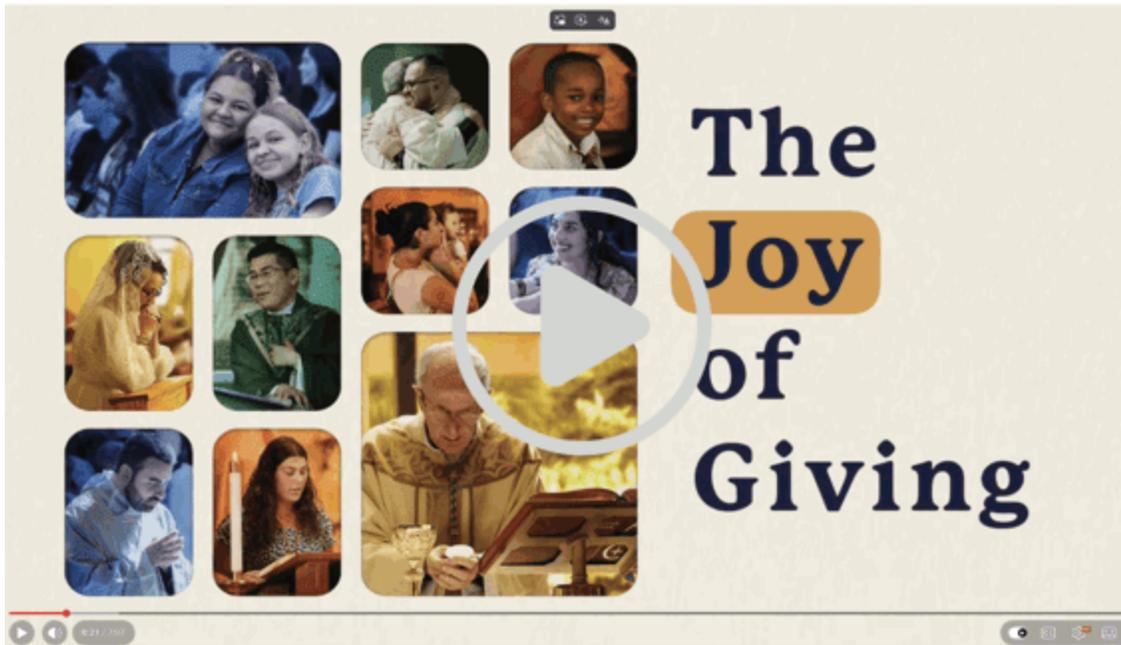


The WPGC welcomed more than 40 members and guests to the 2026 Kickoff Mass and Luncheon on February 24 at St. James Cathedral. [Click here](#) to learn more and join this great group of Catholic women!



The WPGC invites you to a family-friendly Lenten gathering at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church. You do not need to be a member to attend. [Click here](#) to join the invite list and RSVP today!

[Our Catholic Appeal 2026: The Joy of Giving](#)



Our Catholic Appeal 2026 invites us to open our hearts to Christ’s message of peace, hope, and love. It reminds us that our gifts to the Appeal help bring that love to life in our communities. [Click here](#) to watch this year's video.

[Welcome Our New Planned Giving Advisory Council Members](#)



The PGAC welcomes three new members: Charles Van Patten, *JD, CAP*, Carina de la Torre, *JD, CEPA*, and

[Trusted Catholic Advisors: The Mission of Our PGAC](#)



The Planned Giving Advisory Council is a group of Catholic professionals serving clients in estate and financial

Siobhan O'Malley, CFP. [Click here](#) to get to know them!

planning. [Click here](#) to watch the full PGAC overview.

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CFOCF Trivia:

St. Katharine Drexel was the second U.S.-born saint. Who was the first?

- A) St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- B) St. Kateri Tekakwitha
- C) St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
- D) All of the above



Embodying St. Katharine Drexel's Legacy of Generosity, Joy, and Gratitude



Prayer to Bring the Church to its Fullness of Charity

Heavenly Father,
You are the giver of life and everything we have is a gift from You. You have shown us Your infinite generosity by giving us Your Son, Jesus Christ. You inspired St. Katharine Drexel to dedicate her life and selflessly share her treasures with those in need.

May her example help us to be faithful stewards of your abundant gifts. Help us to be cheerful and grateful givers so that we can bring our Church, spread throughout the world, to its fullness of charity. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Prayer - Giving - Your Soul's Blessing

For St. Katharine Drexel, **generosity was never burdensome. It was joyful, rooted in gratitude for what had been received, and freely offered in trust and love.** As we celebrate her March 3rd feast day, you are invited to honor her legacy by [joining the St. Katharine Drexel Society](#) through a gift to The Catholic Foundation.

Your support allows us to foster her spirit of gratitude. **Because of you:**

- **Prayers are offered** for donors and their intentions, lifting each gift and giver to God with gratitude.
- **Gatherings bring charitable hearts together**, creating moments of joy, connection, and shared purpose.
- **Stories are shared**, revealing how generosity multiplies joy across our Diocese.
- **Parishes, schools, and ministries** across the Diocese of Orlando receive the support they need to serve others and strengthen our community of faith.

Thank you for your generosity and for the way you help keep this mission alive.

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The Marian Essay Contest was established by Fr. Frank X. Zammit to provide students with the opportunity to deepen their devotion to the Blessed Mother and better understand their own role as disciples and stewards of God's grace. [Click here](#) to learn more!



CFOCF is blessed to distribute Event Sponsorship Grants to support diocesan organizations as they spread the good news of their ministry, sponsoring four different events in the month of February. [Click here](#) to learn more about our grant opportunities!

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

"Volatility Beneath the Surface"

Volatility Beneath the Surface

In a bull market, stocks charge ahead. In a bear market, they hibernate. Over the last few months, neither of these animal analogies fit the equity market well. The animal that best describes today's stock market is a duck. On the surface, it appears to glide across the pond with calm stability, but beneath the surface there is frantic paddling.

On the surface, the S&P 500 has gained roughly 20% with a very average annualized volatility of about 18% over the last year. Under the surface, however, the AI megatrend is driving starkly divergent stock outcomes. The Goldman Sachs AI Leaders basket has almost doubled over the period, while the AI At-Risk basket has lost 25% of its market value, with an annualized volatility of almost 40%.

This stock market is an unusual environment for investors. The potential gains and losses from stock specific risk are both large and unpredictable. Traditional securities analysis values companies based on discounting cash flows, but this is less effective when a new technology revolution can potentially multiply future cash flows or make a company obsolete.

So far, at the index level and in most well-diversified portfolios, gains from the AI Leaders are overwhelming the losses from the AI At-Risk. In past periods, harvesting gains from outperforming stocks and reloading on underperforming stocks was a sensible value strategy as outcomes normalized. With the changing technology dynamics, investors cannot assume that outcomes will normalize the way they have in past cycles.



Source: Bloomberg, Goldman

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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. [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





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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