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Living the Hope of the Resurrection

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Through the Resurrection, we are reminded that God's work is everlasting and that even what feels like an ending can become a new beginning. This hope is not only something we celebrate at Easter; it is something we are called to live each day through acts of charity, generosity, and service to others, bringing the promise of new life to those around us.

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” - 1 Peter 1:3

Throughout our diocese, this living hope is made visible each day through the charitable work of our parishes, schools, and ministries. From educating the next generation and caring for families in need, to supporting vocations and

strengthening faith communities, the Church continues Christ's mission of love and renewal in Central Florida.

The generosity of faithful donors like you makes this work possible. Your gifts become instruments of God's mercy, providing lasting support to ministries that serve others in Christ's name and extending the hope of the Resurrection to those seeking healing, encouragement, and opportunity.

This Easter season, let us reflect on how charity can be a powerful expression of our faith and a way to share in God's work. We invite you to consider how you can be part of this mission and help carry forward the hope of the Resurrection bringing Christ's love to others today and for generations to come.



Madelyn T. Weed, CFRE, CAP®

President & CEO

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2025 Impact Report: Stewardship that Endures



Every gift tells a story of faith, generosity, and hope. Our [2025 Impact Report](#) shares how donors like you are helping grow endowments, support ministries, and build a lasting legacy for the Church in Central Florida. Thank you for being part of this mission. We invite you read the report to see the impact you are making.

[Honoring Tom Chandler: A Legacy of Faith and Philanthropy](#)



Bishop John Noonan presented Tom Chandler with the Mary, Mother of God Award for his extraordinary dedication to the Catholic Church, to The Catholic Foundation, and to our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout Central Florida. For more than forty years, Tom has generously shared his time, talent, and treasure in service to others. Through his visionary leadership, professional expertise, and deep commitment to the joy of philanthropy, [Read more...](#)

[Remembering Sister Elizabeth Marie Stoup, SSJ](#)



We remember Sister Elizabeth Marie Stoup, SSJ, who died peacefully on March 18, 2026. She was a strong advocate for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, serving as Principal of Morning Star Catholic School and as the visionary behind Bishop Grady Villas (now Magnify). We invite you to continue her legacy with a gift in her memory to the Bishop Grady Villas Sr. Elizabeth Marie Stoup Endowment Fund. [Donate here...](#)

Monthly Legacy Reflection

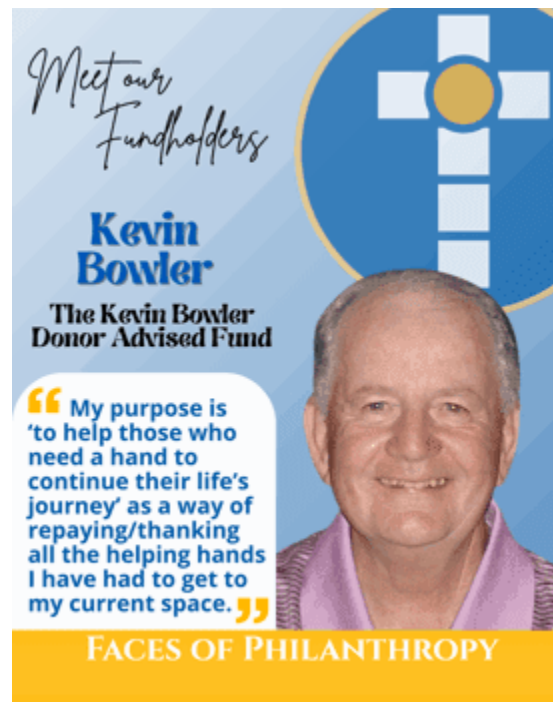
What is your earliest memory of giving? How does it make you feel?



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Philanthropy Moment: What is Faith Based or Catholic Compliant Investing?

Faces of Philanthropy: Meet Catholic Donor Advised Fundholder Kevin Bowler



Nia Herald, VP & CFO, CAP®, shares how The Catholic Foundation ensures gifts are invested in a way that reflects Catholic values and supports faithful stewardship. [Click here](#) to watch.

Kevin is passionate about his churches and Father Lopez, on which he serves as Co-Chairperson. He supports his college and those organizations that need a hand. [Read more...](#)





Did You Know?

Your generosity can make an impact without compromising your values. In partnership with the Concord Advisory Group, The Catholic Foundation helps ensure investments align with the teachings of our faith.

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[Families Enjoy WPGC Lenten Activity](#)



WPGC members, guests, and their families came together for a time of fun, creativity, and reflection as we journey through the Lenten season. Through hands-on activities and meaningful conversations, we were reminded of the [Read more...](#)

[WPGC Now Accepting 2026 Grant Applications](#)



The WPGC is accepting applications for its 2026 grant cycle through June 1st. Applicants must be Catholic-compliant non-profit organizations serving the spiritual or corporal needs of the people of Central Florida. [Learn more...](#)

CFOCF Trivia:

Which of these is an example of a real fund held at CFOCF?

- A) Central Florida Catholic Mercy Fund
- B) The Catholic Lawyers Guild Endowed Scholarship Fund
- C) The Shepherd's Fund
- D) All of the above



Legacy Planning Seminar: Join Us on May 4th



Join us at St. Mary Catholic Church in Rockledge for a **complimentary** seminar on planning your Catholic legacy. Learn how to create or update your estate plan to reflect your values and provide for your loved ones. [Register today](#) to reserve your spot.

Stewarding Your Gifts with Purpose



As we reflect on the values of Easter, the joyful triumph of Christ's Resurrection, and the hope that outshines death, we're reminded that everything we have is a gift from God, entrusted to us to be entrusted to us to be used with [Read more...](#)

Last Chance to Enter the 2026 Marian Essay Contest



Middle school students are invited to participate in the 2026 Marian Essay Contest, reflecting on the theme *Mary, Our Heavenly Mother*. Submissions are due April 15. [Click here](#) to learn more!

The Catholic Foundation Sponsors Multiple Events in March



The Catholic Foundation enjoys supporting diocesan organizations through Event Sponsorship Grants, attending four events in March. [Click here](#) to learn more about our grant opportunities!

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

"Quantum Computing"

MARCH 2026 MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Quantum Computing

Innovation is advancing at remarkable speed, often in hard-to-see places. Quantum computing is one of those areas. Today's classical computers calculate in bits, which can only have values of either 0 or 1. Quantum computers calculate in qubits, which can exist as 0, 1, or as a combination of both states simultaneously. Theoretically, quantum computers can solve problems too complex even for today's most advanced supercomputers.

Many experts believe that quantum computers could help design new pharmaceuticals, better batteries, and advanced materials and help solve optimization tasks in logistics, finance, and engineering. Quantum computers could also be disruptive, potentially breaking current encryption technology and threatening cryptocurrency networks.

Luckily, we do not need to understand all the intricacies of quantum mechanics or forecast the next big discovery to benefit from these advances. All that is required is an awareness of innovation and its spillover effects on our investment decisions.

The summary of that awareness is that we are living in an era of remarkable technological innovation that can potentially grow the economy and boost business profits, improve health outcomes, advance scientific progress, and raise living standards. The timing of awareness is also important because, like where AI was five years ago, gains are largest for investors who are positioned before the innovation is apparent to everyone.



Sources: Public Announcements from Quantinuum, IONQ, Microsoft & Google

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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