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Newsletter



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Honoring the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Committed to His Mission

As we approach the close of our fiscal year, June offers a meaningful opportunity to reflect on the many blessings God has entrusted to us and the ways we have responded to His call through faithful stewardship. Stewardship is not simply a moment or a season, but an ongoing invitation to use our time, talent, and treasure with intention, gratitude, and faith.

This month also holds special significance for Catholics across our nation. On June 11, the bishops of the United States are gathering here in Orlando to renew the consecration of our country to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. This act of entrustment reminds us that Christ's love is the source of our hope, our mission, and our call to serve others. As we honor His Sacred Heart, we are invited to deepen our own response to His love through lives marked by faith, generosity, and compassion.

Throughout this year, we have witnessed the impact of generosity across our community through ministries strengthened, lives uplifted, and faithful acts of service that continue to make a difference throughout Central Florida. Each gift, whether shared through prayer, service, or philanthropy, helps build a stronger future for our Church and those we are called to serve.

As we prepare to begin a new fiscal year, I invite you to take time to reflect on how God is calling you to continue living out stewardship in your daily life. Through even the simplest acts of generosity, we become part of something far greater than ourselves and help carry Christ's love into our communities.



Madelyn T. Weed, CFRE, CAP®
President & CEO

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Introducing a New Series: Ways to Give - Donating Stock



Discover how donating appreciated stock can be a tax-smart way to support your favorite ministries in a

Philanthropy Moment: Donating Stock Provides Double Tax Benefit



Madelyn Weed, CFRE, CAP® President & CEO discusses how donating stocks can benefit you and the causes closest to your heart. [Click here](#) to watch.

strategic and impactful way. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Monthly Legacy Reflection

What experiences have informed your role as a donor?



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[Hearts of Philanthropy: Generosity Shapes the Heart](#)

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A Women's Philanthropic Giving Circle member and Donor Advised Fundholder shares how her mother's example inspired a lifetime of faith-filled generosity. [Read more...](#)



M. Lisa Amoroso is a key fiduciary resource with an in-depth knowledge of fiduciary principles and applicable laws to assist clients in achieving their goals [Read more...](#)





Did You Know?

You can give to your favorite parish or ministry using appreciated stock. The Catholic Foundation can walk you through the process. As always, our services are complimentary!

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Mercy Fund Supports Agape Mission
Market

2026 Greatest Need Grant Award



A \$10,000 distribution from The Catholic Foundation's Mercy Fund will help Catholic Charities of Central Florida replenish food supplies at Holy Spirit Catholic Church's Agape Mission Market. This support will help sustain this vital ministry as it continues serving hundreds of families throughout the community with dignity and compassion. [Click here](#) to learn more about the Mercy Fund.

The Catholic Foundation's Board approved the 2026 Greatest Needs Grant for St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church to support an upgraded food pantry that will replace its aging facility and expand services for the 600+ families it serves each month. This grant will help with the additional funding still needed for equipment and furnishings to sustain this vital ministry in Osceola County. [Learn more](#) about the Greatest Needs Grant.

[Last Chance to Participate in the 2026 WPGC Grant Voting](#)



Become a member of the Women's Philanthropic Giving Circle by **June 15** to participate in the first round of grant voting and help support impactful nonprofit organizations across Central Florida. [Click here](#) to become a member.

[Eight Men Ordained to the Permanent Diaconate](#)



On June 6, eight men from across the Diocese of Orlando were ordained to the Permanent Diaconate, answering God's call to a life of service and

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On June 11, as part of the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. bishops will gather here in Orlando

ministry. Read about their journeys in this special [Florida Catholic feature](#). [Click here](#) to learn how you can support the Permanent Diaconate.

to consecrate the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Join this historic moment of prayer and renewal by [watching the livestream](#).

Marian Essay Contest Recipients Donate Their Awards



This year's Fr. Frank X. Zammit Marian Essay Contest was extra special as all three award recipients decided to donate their awards to their respective parish and/or school.

Congratulations to Annabelle W., a 6th grader from St. James Cathedral School, for earning 1st Place Overall. Annabelle chose to donate her \$1,000 scholarship prize to benefit St. James Cathedral Church and School. Both the 7/8 and 5/6 grade runners-up also generously decided to donate

their awards: John Paul C. (Good Shepherd Catholic Church) and Josie G. (St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School).

[Click here](#) to read Annabelle's essay and view the full list of this year's runners-up and honorable mentions.

CFOCF Trivia:

Which fund would likely help support tuition for students in need?

- A)** Tuition Assistance Scholarship Endowment Fund
- B)** The Hackl Family Endowment for Charity
- C)** Deforest W. and Margaret Y. Bullard Scholarship Fund
- D)** Both A and C



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

"Rising Rates, Falling Obligations"

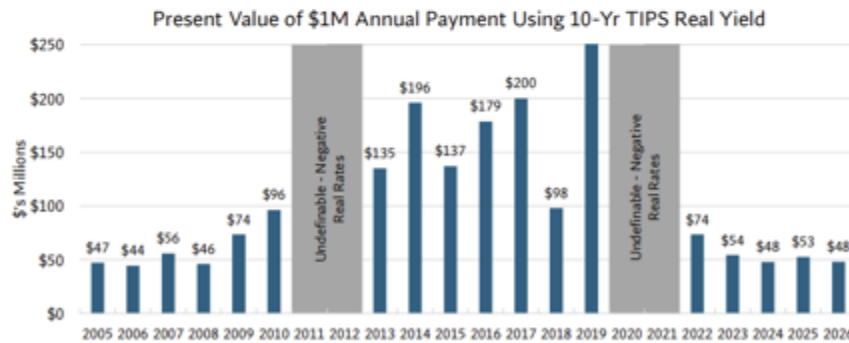
MAY 2026 MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Rising Rates, Falling Obligations

Almost all investors are aware of the returns and valuations of their assets, but rarely, with the notable exception of pension funds, do investors consider the valuations of their liabilities.

Large AI-hyperscaler bond issuance, growing geopolitical risks, and mounting government debt burdens are pushing real interest rates higher. At the same time, risk asset markets remain optimistic, and equity prices have continued to advance. The chart below depicts the present value of a \$1 million annual payment, growing with inflation, in perpetuity, discounted by the U.S. Treasury TIPS 10-year rate. While we expect portfolios to outperform TIPS, the TIPS rate serves as an ultra-conservative benchmark to vividly illustrate the dampening impact of higher inflation-adjusted interest rates on liabilities. The improvement in financial situations over the last several years has been dramatic. In just the 2026 year-to-date period, the illustrated measure of real liabilities is 8% lower while balanced portfolio assets are about 8% higher ¹.

Many investors instinctively underweight fixed income, and the recent outperformance of stocks over bonds has made bonds even less popular. Future obligations have bond-like properties and when bond prices fall (bond yields increase) those obligations are easier to manage. The same rate environment that has pressured bond prices has quietly made future obligations easier to manage.



1. Balanced Portfolio = 30% S&P 500, 12% Russell 2000, 18% MSCI ACWI xUSA, 32% Bloomberg Agg., & 8% Bloomberg Global Agg.

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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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