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Newsletter



**JULY
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Celebrating the Impact of Your Generosity

As we begin a new fiscal year, I am filled with gratitude and hope as I reflect on the many ways God has worked through the generosity of our Catholic community. Every gift entrusted to The Catholic Foundation is more than a financial contribution, it is an act of faith, a testament to God's providence, and an investment in the future of our Church. Together, our St. Katharine Drexel Society donors, fundholders, professional advisors, parish partners, and friends are building a lasting legacy that will strengthen Catholic ministries and transform lives.

Over the past fiscal year, your generosity helped establish **20 new charitable funds totaling \$13.3 million**. Through the Foundation, more than **\$5.5 million was distributed** to parishes, schools, ministries, and charitable organizations, ensuring that lives continue to be transformed through faith-filled philanthropy. We were also humbled to receive **59 legacy gifts from faithful Catholics** who, through their estate plans, chose to leave a lasting testament to their faith and love for the Church. Their generosity provided nearly **\$13.9 million to support the parishes, schools, and ministries closest to their hearts**. We are also grateful for the **38 new members of**

our Vivos Christi Society, whose commitment to planned giving is helping build a lasting legacy for future generations.

None of this would be possible without you. Thank you for partnering with us in this mission and for entrusting The Catholic Foundation with the privilege of stewarding your generosity. As we embark on this new fiscal year, may we continue to answer Christ's call to be faithful stewards of His blessings, bringing hope to those in need and strengthening our Church in Central Florida.



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President & CEO

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Ways to Give: Beneficiary Designations



Many assets, including retirement accounts and life insurance policies, can be transferred through a beneficiary designation. Learn how this simple planning tool can help support your loved ones and the ministries closest to your heart. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Philanthropy Moment: Leaving a Legacy for Your Parish



Have you considered how you can support your parish beyond your lifetime? Learn about the many ways you can leave a lasting legacy and continue strengthening the faith community that has been part of your life's journey. Watch this month's [Philanthropy Moment](#).



Did You Know?

Not everything you own is distributed through your will. Non-probate assets, such as accounts with properly designated beneficiaries, can pass directly to the named recipient – whether an individual or a charity – often avoiding probate and saving time, money, and unnecessary complexity.



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Are You Prepared for the Future?

Free Wine & Wills Event - Aug. 25



As Catholics, we are called to be faithful stewards of God's blessings. With National Make-A-Will Month coming up this August, we invite you to prepare for the future, helping ensure your values and legacy continue for those you love and the ministries you cherish. [Read more...](#)



Join us on August 25 at Bishop Moore for this **complimentary event** featuring wine, refreshments, and practical estate planning guidance from trusted local Catholic professionals. Discover how thoughtful planning can provide peace of mind while creating a legacy of faith. [RSVP today!](#)



**Faces of Philanthropy: Meet WPGC
Founding Member Sarah Luter**



Founding WPGC member Sarah Luter shares how the Women's Philanthropic Giving Circle opened her eyes to the needs in our community and the power of women coming together to create lasting impact. [Click here](#) to read her story.

**Hearts of Philanthropy - Charity: An
Expression of Gratitude**



A Women's Philanthropic Giving Circle member shares how her Catholic faith inspires a life of generosity and how collective giving through the WPGC helps strengthen organizations serving our community. [Click here](#) to read her story.

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

CFOCF Hosts the ICSC Regional Conference



The Catholic Foundation was honored to host a record-breaking 54 stewardship and development leaders from across the East Coast for the ICSC Regional Meeting. Together, we shared ideas, strengthened relationships, and explored new ways to advance the mission of the Church.

Congratulations 2026 CAP® Study Group Graduates



Congratulations to the graduates of the 2025–26 Central Florida CAP® Study Group! Their commitment to philanthropic education helps strengthen our community and empowers individuals and families to create meaningful, lasting legacies. [Click here](#) to learn more.

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

"Happy 250th Birthday America"

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I have often looked at that picture behind the President without being able to tell whether it was rising or setting. But now at length I have the happiness to know that it is a rising and not a setting sun – Ben Franklin from the Constitutional Convention (Philadelphia 1787).

Since its founding, people have questioned whether America was ascending or declining. Today, America faces challenges and conflicts, as we always have. While broad measures of economic growth may not capture all the nuances of the wellbeing of a country's people, the data supports the view that the optimists, like Franklin, have been correct about America's economic trajectory.

There are many factors that have contributed to America's economic success story; a legal system that protects capital, reserve currency status, liquid capital markets, and the research university system. But perhaps the most important American attribute behind this success is self-determination; the United States attracts and retains people who innovate, invent, and work hard more successfully than any other nation.

Comparison of G7 Economies



Chart Data Sources: OECD, Bloomberg, MSCI, & IMF, Avg. Productivity is from 2000 to 2023.

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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.