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Grateful Hearts, Faithful Community

As we approach Thanksgiving, our hearts turn to gratitude for the many ways God blesses our Catholic community. We see those blessings in the generosity of the faithful, the dedication of volunteers, and the countless acts of faith and service that strengthen our Church throughout Central Florida.

This month, we asked our team one simple question: **"What are you most thankful for in our Catholic community this Thanksgiving?"** Their heartfelt reflections remind us of the people, relationships, and shared faith that make our faith community so special. **We invite you to read their responses and share in their reflections of gratitude.**

We are especially grateful for you! Your generosity, faith, and commitment to our Catholic mission make a lasting difference in the lives of others and inspire the work we do each day.

From all of us at The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida, we wish you and your loved ones a joyful Thanksgiving!



Madelyn T. Weed, CFRE, CAP®

President & CEO

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What's On Your Heart This Thanksgiving?



As we enter this season of gratitude, we invite you to share what is on your heart, whether a blessing you are thankful for or a prayer intention you would like us to remember. Throughout the month of November, The Catholic Foundation team will join you in prayer, lifting up your intentions and giving thanks for the many blessings in our lives. **Click here** to share you prayer intentions.

Welcome To The Team: Eric Brinkman

Save the Date: Catholic Giving Tuesday - December 1st



Please join us in welcoming Eric Brinkman, our new Director of Philanthropy! With nearly 30 years of experience in the medical device industry and a passion for serving others, **Read more...**



On Tuesday, **December 1**, the world will participate in Giving Tuesday 2026. The Catholic Foundation adds Christ's charitable heart to this holiday of giving by celebrating Catholic Giving Tuesday, **Read more...**



Celebrating Susan Hunt: 13 Years of Faithful Service



After more than a decade of dedicated service, The Catholic Foundation celebrates the retirement of Susan Hunt, who concluded her time **Read more...**

Board of Directors Gather For Annual Retreat



Last week, The Catholic Foundation's Board of Directors gathered for a two-day retreat at San Pedro Spiritual Development Center. **Read more...**



Women's Philanthropic Giving Circle Grant Celebration

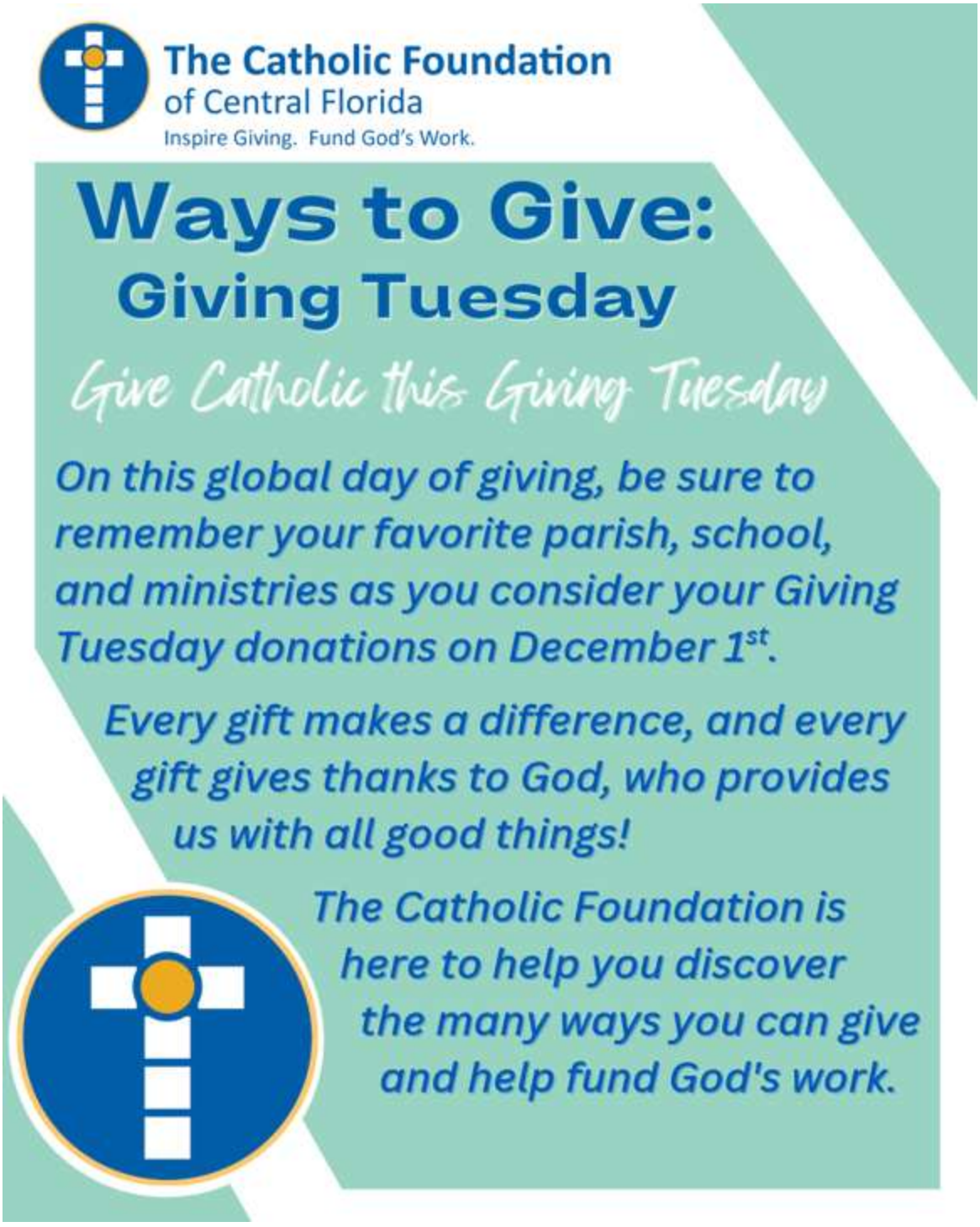
Philanthropy Moment: Power in Numbers - Collective Philanthropy



The WPGC Grant Awardee event at Holy Family was a wonderful celebration of generosity in action! Thank you to everyone who joined us in honoring our 2026 grant recipients. **Read more...**



Madelyn Weed, CFRE, CAP® - President & CEO, discusses how combining resources, talents, and shared values through groups like the giving circle can create a greater impact. **Click here to watch.**



Faces of Philanthropy: Meet WPGC Member Nan McClain-Garbett

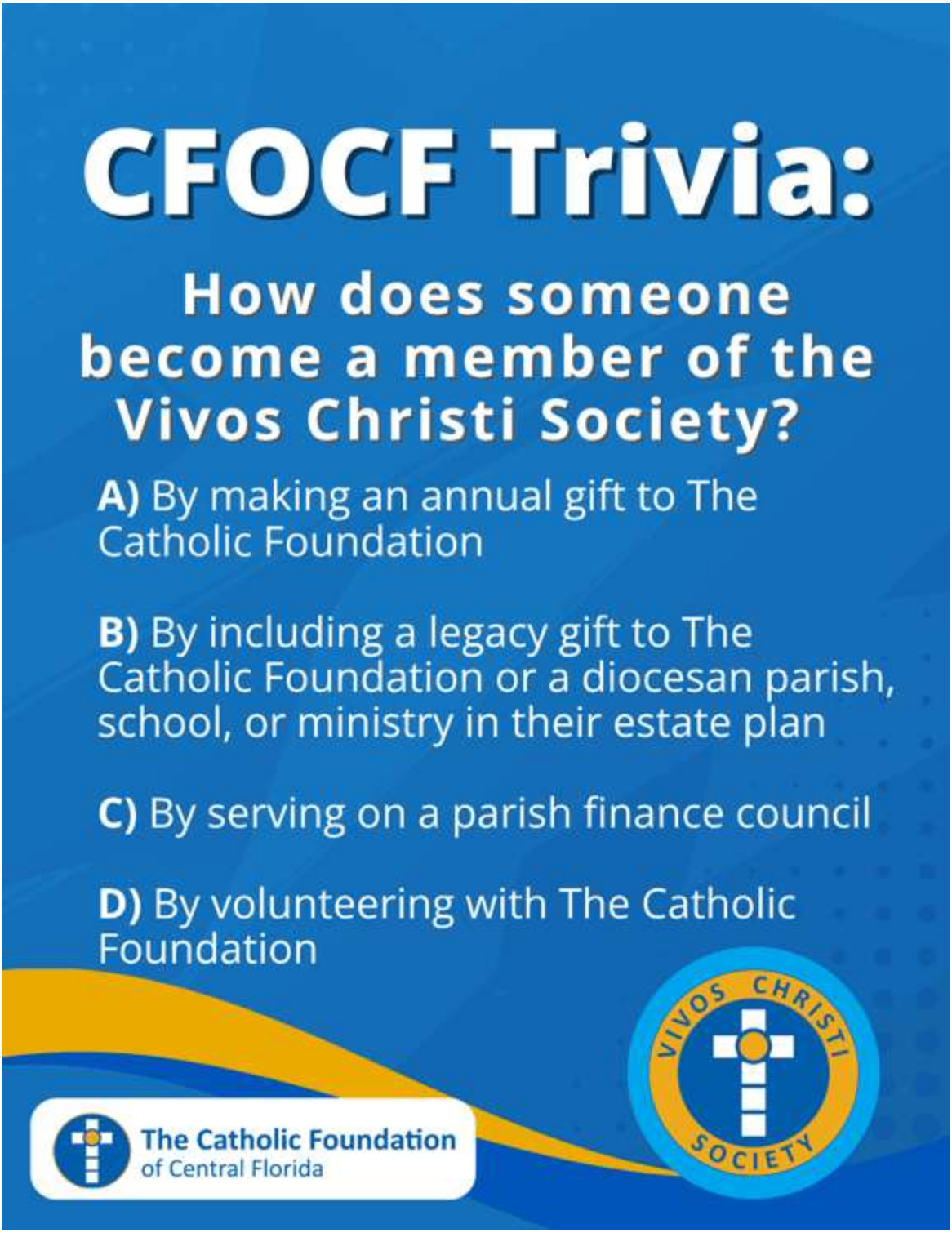
WPGC Grant Recipient Impact Update-St. Theresa Catholic Church



Inspired by her father's “others oriented” approach to life, Women's Philanthropic Giving Circle member, Nan, believes everyone has something meaningful to contribute. **Read more...**



We are thrilled to share an update on our 2025 Women's Philanthropic Giving Circle Grant to St. Theresa Catholic Church for their Social Services Bicycle program. **Click here to watch!**


CFOCF Trivia:
How does someone become a member of the Vivos Christi Society?
A) By making an annual gift to The Catholic Foundation
B) By including a legacy gift to The Catholic Foundation or a diocesan parish, school, or ministry in their estate plan
C) By serving on a parish finance council
D) By volunteering with The Catholic Foundation
VIVOS CHRISTI SOCIETY
The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida

Answer: B

Thank You For Joining Our Legacy Seminar at Blessed Trinity!



The Catholic Foundation had the pleasure of welcoming 30 attendees to our Legacy Planning Seminar at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church in Ocala! **Read more...**



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

"The Return of the Balanced Portfolio"

SEPTEMBER 2026 MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Time- vs. Dollar-Weighted Returns

Time-weighted and dollar-weighted investment returns are easily conflated and sometimes vastly different. Time-weighted returns are the performance of an investment, without consideration of the amount of money invested in the strategy. These are the headline published returns that appear in performance rankings and get fund managers hired and fired. Dollar-weighted returns measure the gains investors truly earned, based on the size and timing of their contributions and withdrawals and the current value of their investment.

In January 2024, spot bitcoin ETFs began trading in U.S. markets. These ETFs hold only bitcoin, which is a volatile virtual asset with no investment income. With no interest or dividends to obscure returns, these ETFs are a great case study to illustrate how much time- and dollar-weighted returns can diverge.

For dollar-weighted returns, the chart displays an estimate of the bitcoin ETF cost basis. The recent rally has pushed the bitcoin price back above the estimated bitcoin ETF cost basis. Comparing the bitcoin market prices against the ETF cost basis is a good proxy for the ETF investors' dollar-weighted returns. While the ETFs' cumulative published returns are 79% since inception, the average ETF investor's return is only a little better than break-even.

New money tends to flow into investments with strong, published returns, often without adequate consideration of current prices. Higher interest rates, volatile energy markets, and surging AI-related investment have driven large moves in securities prices, producing many headline return outliers like 79% for the bitcoin ETFs. However, as the bitcoin ETFs show, chasing strong published returns can turn exceptional time-weighted returns into weak dollar-weighted ones. Investors who weigh trailing performance against price and valuation are likely to have the best dollar-weighted returns.



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From 2009 through 2021, exceptionally low interest rates pushed investors into risk assets, a dynamic often called the TINA [Read more...]

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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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