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Newsletter

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As recent protests and the Covid-19 pandemic challenge our nation, we are grateful for our churches reopening and the return to the public celebration of Mass in the Diocese of Orlando. We are grateful for our pastors and parishes which provide the spiritual guidance to help heal our world. We are all God's children. The work of our pastors and parishes - which teach us to seek God's peace and unity - has never been more helpful.

*In peace I will lie down and fall asleep,
for you alone, LORD, make me secure.*
Psalms 4:9

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...and more...



The Catholic Foundation, in partnership with Father Frank Zammit, is honored to congratulate the three winners of our Marian Contest for Middle Schoolers enrolled or engaged in Parish Faith Formation or Youth Ministry. The three winners will share \$1,150 that will further the student's faith formation and to support their favorite Catholic parish, school or ministry.

FIRST PLACE



Arman Sadri

Arman earns \$500 for faith education and \$500 for a Catholic entity

[READ ARMAN'S ENTRY HERE...](#)

2ND PLACE

Allie Burke

Allie earns \$100 for a Catholic entity

[READ ALLIE'S ENTRY HERE..](#)

3RD PLACE

Ricky Issac

Ricky earns \$50 for a Catholic entity

[READ RICKY'S ENTRY HERE..](#)

Marian Contest Selection Committee

Father Frank Zammit, a retired priest in the Diocese of Orlando (now serving at

St. Peter in DeLand), is the contest's benefactor and innovator.

- Daniel Boyd (The Diocese of Orlando Secretary for Laity, Family and Life)
- Deacon Dave Camous (Director of Permanent Deacons for the Diocese of Orlando)
- Shana Coulthurst (Campaign Director, The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida)

[Please click here](#) to see a video message from Fr. Zammit about the Marian contest.

Thank you to everyone who participated and honored our Blessed Mother!

146 Donors Increase Impact Through Donor Advised Fund Giving

Donor Advised Funds (DAFs) are growing in popularity as one of the country's most convenient giving vehicles and The Catholic Foundation has responded by offering the Catholic community a unique DAF program that provides all the benefits of this giving tool with the added feature of Catholic value compliant investing!

In the first six months of 2020, we have received more donations through DAFs than during the entire 2019 year with almost double the charitable giving impact. This year, 146 donors have chosen to give almost \$350,000 from their DAFs supporting parishes, schools and ministries throughout the diocese including contributions to Our Catholic Appeal, parish offertory, capital campaigns, schools and the new Mercy Fund. These generous donations have been instrumental in continuing the mission of the Catholic church in Central Florida during the pandemic.

What is a Donor Advised Fund?

A DAF is like having your own foundation (with less hassle and administration). The fund is invested for growth, which permits you as the advisor, to make gifts of income and principal to multiple Catholic and public organizations while you are alive. You can also name successor advisors if you would like for your family to continue your legacy of philanthropy.

The Catholic Foundation DAFs can be set up with a minimum donation of \$10,000 which is eligible for an immediate tax deduction. Many donors choose to maximize tax benefits by "bundling" (combining multiple years of donations into one large donation to their DAF and adding additional funds every few years). You and your family can add to the fund at any time with gifts of cash or appreciated assets (stock, real estate, non-inventory corporate assets, etc.). There is no required annual payout, so you can choose to give at your convenience over a number of years. While you are discerning your charitable giving, your DAF can grow through socially screened Catholic-compliant investments making more available for the ministries you wish to support. Simply advise us when you wish to make a gift from your DAF and we handle all the processing for you. You won't have to keep track of your gifts throughout the year – we will track your giving through your DAF. You can incorporate your DAF into your estate planning too.

Already have a Donor Advised Fund?

If you already have a DAF with another financial institution, you can make a grant to The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida from that DAF advising how your gift should be utilized (Our Catholic Appeal, Parish (Name) Offertory or Campaign, School (Name) or Ministry (Name), etc.). You can also expand your DAF portfolio by recommending a grant that can be utilized to set up a new Catholic-compliant Donor Advised Fund at The Catholic Foundation! (Please note a tax deduction is not available for this funding option.)

For more information about making a gift through a DAF or establishing your own DAF, please contact Madelyn Weed, Vice President of Donor Services, at mweed@cfofc.org or (407) 664-7856. You can also visit our website www.cfofc.org/DAF for details about this flexible giving tool.

Donor Impact: \$60,000+ for Catholic School Education

More than \$60,000 in Catholic School tuition assistance has been recently distributed to children and families in need throughout Central Florida thanks to the generosity of our donors. Catholic Schools provide a rigorous Christ-centered education that helps students prepare for future families, careers, and leadership roles. ***Thank you for impacting lives!***

Recent Education Distributions:

The Catholic Foundation Tuition Assistance Endowment Fund

\$25,000 supporting 14 students at seven elementary schools

\$25,000 supporting 10 students at two high schools

Father Frank Zammit Endowment Fund

\$9,366 supporting four students at two elementary schools

Adelaida Valdes Endowment Fund

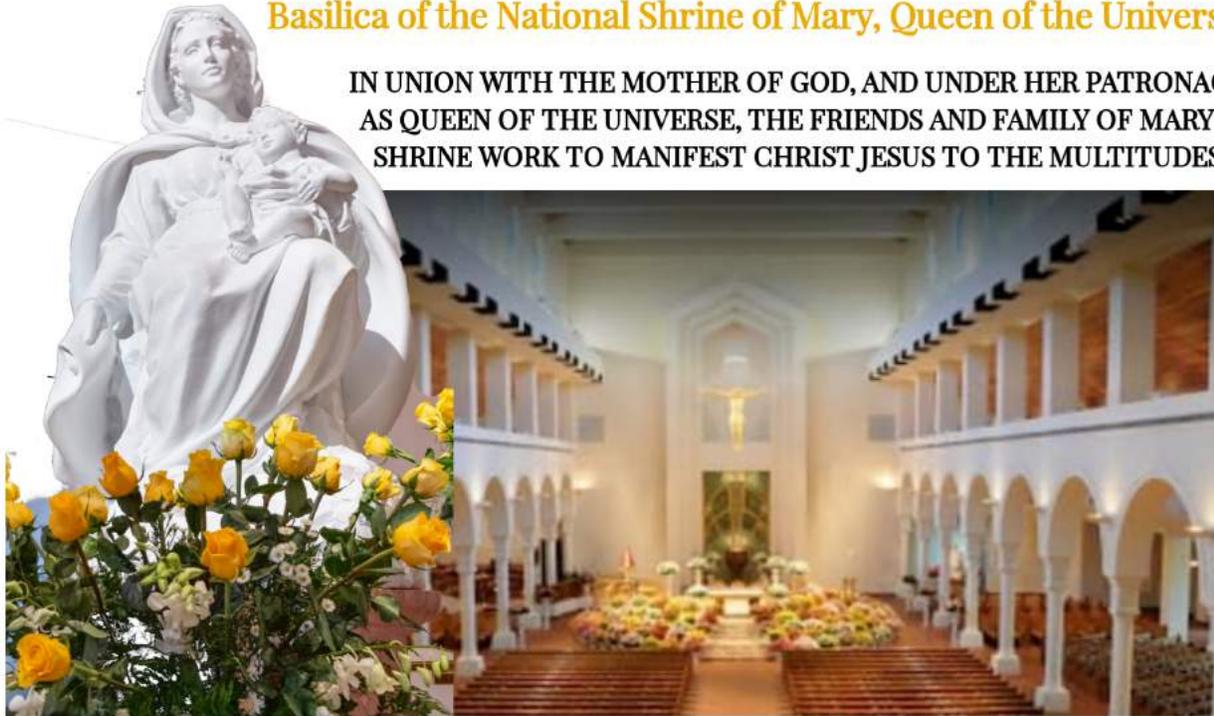
\$984 supporting two students at one elementary school

[Please click here to make a gift or learn more about supporting Catholic School tuition assistance.](#)

Thank you!

Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe

IN UNION WITH THE MOTHER OF GOD, AND UNDER HER PATRONAGE AS QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE, THE FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF MARY'S SHRINE WORK TO MANIFEST CHRIST JESUS TO THE MULTITUDES.



Website Redesign, Campus Restoration, Memorial for Monsignor Harte

The Basilica provides Mass and faith support to area residents and thousands of people who visit Orlando-area theme parks annually. The Basilica is temporarily closed during the Covid-19 pandemic, but will reopen to the public on August 15th.

Meanwhile, [please click here](#) to visit the Basilica's newly designed website or take a virtual tour.

Basilica Campus Restoration

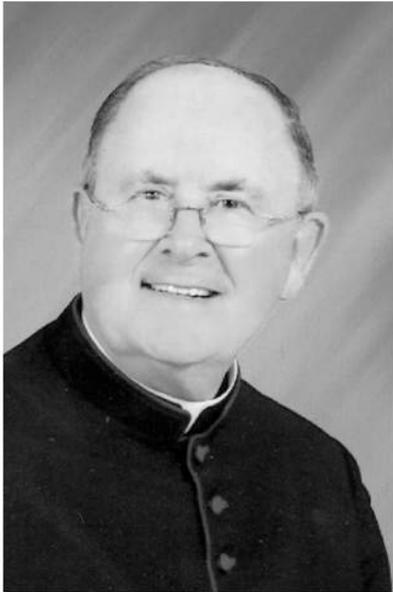


Members of The Catholic Foundation's Donor Services team help at the Basilica. (Far left: Madelyn Weed. Far right: Gessie Lopez)

Although the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe has been temporarily closed during the Covid-19 pandemic, the staff has taken this opportunity to give this magnificent house of pilgrimage and prayer a deep cleaning and restoration. The Basilica has been repainted and landscaping spruced up. New commemorative

bricks have been placed in the beloved Rosary Garden which has been brought back to life with tender care for God's creation. Memorial plaques are being cleaned and will be reinstalled to honor the many donors who have so generously supported this sacred space dedicated to Our Lady.

Monsignor Harte Memorial Care of the Basilica Endowment



Monsignor Fachtna Joseph Harte

February 21, 1930 – May 30, 2020

Together we pray for the repose of the soul of Monsignor Harte.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Mgr. Harte was instrumental in establishing the tourism ministry in the Diocese of Orlando which led to the building of the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe. This beautiful sacred treasure serves as a spiritual home away from home for countless travelers who come from near and far to renew their spirit with the grace of the Sacraments and their devotion to our Blessed Mother. The Monsignor Harte Memorial Care of the Basilica Endowment is being established to ensure that this center of worship is stewarded and maintained for years to come.

Donations to build the Monsignor Harte Memorial Care of the Basilica Endowment can be made at www.cfcf.org/MonsignorHarte or by

sending a check to The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida, P.O. Box 4905, Orlando, FL 32802 - please include Mgr. Harte Endowment in the memo line. For additional information call (407) 246-7189.

[Please click here](#) to donate online.

Covid-19: Serving Those In Need

We recognize that many members of our faith family are impacted by the coronavirus pandemic with illness, job loss or financial instability. During this time, many of those affected are unable to continue their stewardship. Our prayerful request is for those who have not been heavily impacted by the pandemic to prayerfully consider making an additional gift to support children, families and adults in need. We are grateful for generous donors who are stepping up to address the increased needs of our community.

Here are two ways to help:



The Mercy Fund supports Catholic Charities of Central Florida's ability to respond to the increased needs of the people of God in the Diocese of Orlando including food, behavioral health and financial assistance for rent, utilities and daily needs since the arrival of the pandemic.



Our parishes help to build the Lord's Kingdom in Central Florida. Many have adapted to recent challenging times by livestreaming mass and communicating digitally with parishioners to minister to our community's spiritual needs. Even though parishes are reopening their doors and returning to the public celebration of Mass, many are dealing with lower church attendance and falling offertory since the arrival of the pandemic.

[Please click here to give to the Mercy Fund.](#)

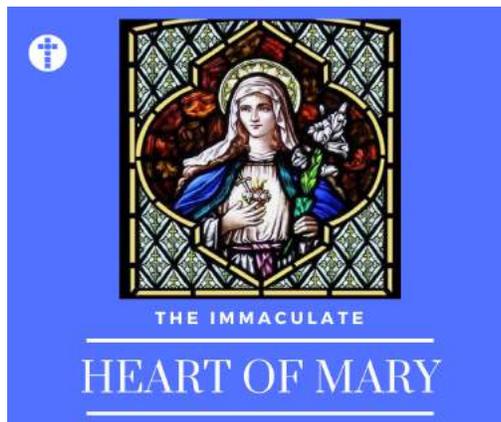
[Please click here to support your parish or mission as it assists our faith community's increased needs.](#)

Meet our New Team Members: Diana Loayza Garcia & Gessie Lopez!



Please join us in welcoming Diana, who recently joined our team as a Legacy Gifts & Grants Manager, and Gessie, the Development Coordinator for the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe. [Please click here to learn more about Diana and Gessie and other members of our team.](#)

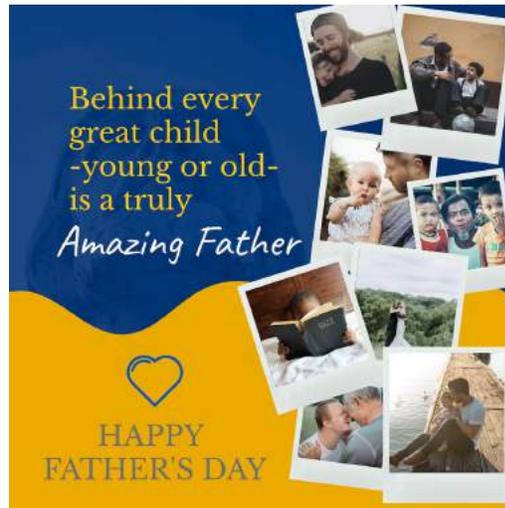
The Immaculate Heart of Mary



This month, we celebrated the Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We recognize that her heart is meant to be a model for the way we should love God. We honor our Blessed Mother's extraordinary holiness and the immense love she bestowed on Jesus as his mother.

Happy Father's Day!

This month, we honored fathers for all they do to love and support their families. We are all God's children.



About The Catholic Foundation

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.*



Stay Connected with Us Every Day!



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.

