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Faith, Passion, and Philanthropy

As Catholics we believe that faith is a gift from God. We receive this gift, and our faith is formed throughout our lives by our parents, family, friends, those who work in the Church to teach the faith and our own time spent reading and studying Scripture. As we deepen our faith, we become passionate about our relationship with Christ and how we try to imitate him and live as He has called us to live.

As donors, what is on our hearts comes from our faith, values, personal experiences and aspirations. Sometimes our passion can come from anger or frustration with something we want to change in the world like social injustice. An individual or event can also stir emotions and passion in us – such as one of our Catholic Saints. Our family members and friends too can motivate our philanthropic endeavors when we want to honor or memorialize them.

Our philanthropy can be a very meaningful part of our lives when we bring our faith-filled passion. Passion in our philanthropy is about making a commitment to our core values and beliefs. Bringing passion into our philanthropy can stir our initiative, motivate us to overcome obstacles, inspire others and help us grow while we grow our philanthropic impact. Our passion can help us define our mission statement for our philanthropy. Here are a few questions to consider to help you write your mission statement:

What causes are on my heart?
What segment of the population do I want to serve?
What roles do I want to play as a donor?
What is the geographic territory I want to impact?

The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida is committed to advancing strategic Catholic philanthropy to increase your impact and help you achieve your goals. Several members of our team are Chartered Advisors in Philanthropy. You won't find a better guide to help you along your philanthropic journey. Thank you for entrusting us with your charitable giving intentions.

Blessings,



Kimberlee Riley, CAP
President & CEO



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Learn about the journey of Dr. Erika Wikstrom in becoming the first black principal at Bishop Moore High School. Dr. Wikstrom was recently featured here on WESH-2 News. [Watch the video here:](#)

The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida is committed to a diverse, inclusive and equitable environment where all board members and staff feel respected and valued regardless of gender, age, race, ethnicity, national orientation, disability, education and vocation. Our goal is to develop a team of board and staff which reflects the population we serve in the Diocese of Orlando

**Catholic Foundation Named
Among Top Area Nonprofits**



Orlando Business Journal: The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida was listed among the top area nonprofits.

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**St. Faustina Parish, Clermont:
Welcome Home!**



St. Faustina Parish is home at last. After many years of prayer and hard work, Bishop John Noonan dedicated their new building on February 4th.

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Tom Chandler, Chairman of the Foundation Board of Directors



Foundation board chairman, Tom Chandler talks about his journey and leadership with The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida.

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Women's Philanthropic Giving Circle Kickoff Mass and Luncheon



The Women's Philanthropic Giving Circle held their inaugural Mass and luncheon at St. James Cathedral on February 10th.

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[New Board of Directors Committee Appointments](#)

Karen Monteleone



Karen Monteleone is our new Governance Committee chair. Karen is an accomplished board and community relations executive with extensive experience building relationships that ensure organizations excel in their missions, especially during times of significant change. We're grateful for Karen's new leadership role with our board of directors.

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Robert Kryger



Dr. Robert Kryger is an entrepreneurial scientist, having worked in a variety of technical fields and started several small businesses. He holds a Ph.D. in Physics from the University of Notre Dame and is currently a Principal at Beck Kryger Capital Partners LLLP. Our thanks to Dr. Kryger as he begins his new position of Treasurer on the board of directors.

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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.



The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida

Inspire Giving. Fund God's Work.

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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