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Christ-centered, and Spirit-led
working together to build the Kingdom of God in Central Florida.*



**The Catholic Foundation
of Central Florida**
Inspire Giving. Fund God's Work.



January
2022

The Catholic Foundation
of Central Florida
Newsletter

Happy New Year! We are grateful for our board, team, partners and donors and look forward to another year of serving our diocese and addressing our community needs. We celebrate our collective generosity – from the small acts of kindness we extend to one another to the larger acts of philanthropy as each of these makes a difference in the lives of our neighbors. Together we are building the Kingdom of God in Central Florida.

As the pandemic continues we keep all those affected in our prayers. As we have learned to trust God more we have been able to turn our focus to Christ who continues to bring us hope even during our challenging times. We recently heard during the Christmas season how our Blessed Mother serves as a model in staying focused on what is important. In Luke 2:19 we read, All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.

The joyous news of the Saviour's birth and a new year presents us with the opportunity to revisit our enthusiasm for pursuing our purpose, ambitions and dreams. Statistics show that the majority of resolutions made fail early in the year. Perhaps we can learn from Mary and rather than making resolutions, we can spend more time on reflections; reflecting on what's important to us, our

Church and our Lord. Keeping what is important in our hearts will guide us in our efforts to make an impact in the new year. Recalling Mary's faith and the hope that her Son brings we are able to focus on the eternal perspective which brings clarity to our visions. The Catholic Foundation's vision is to be your philanthropic organization helping all to fund God's work, promote the Gospel and build the Kingdom of God here in Central Florida. We look forward to walking with you on your philanthropic journey this year.

Abundant blessings,

Kimberlee Riley, CAP
President & CEO

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



JANUARY 30 - FEBRUARY 5 ~ Catholic Schools Week

We celebrate our Catholic Schools throughout the Diocese of Orlando for their excellence in forming students in their faith, academics and social responsibilities. We are thankful for the faculty and staff and their commitment to creating moral leaders for our Church and community.

SUPPORT OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION WELCOMES:

CHARLIE VAN PATTEN

Charlie joins The Foundation team this month after many years in the legal services department of a leading planned and major giving software and marketing company. During that time he provided support to gift officers and professional advisors seeking to understand the intricacies of planned gifts. Charlie has enjoyed the opportunity to present at multiple national planned giving conferences. He has also led seminars and webinars on major gifts, planned gifts, and blended gifts throughout the United States. Charlie is a member of the American Council on Gift Annuities' Rates and Regulation Committee.



Prior to entering the field of planned giving, Charlie practiced family law in his home state of South Carolina. He earned his juris doctor at Liberty University School of Law, where he met his lovely wife, Jennifer. Together with their young children, Charlie and Jennifer enjoy traveling and spending time together outdoors.

Charlie will be a wonderful resource on charitable giving for pastors, parish staff, professional advisors and donors as our new Director of Philanthropy. He and his family are excited to be in Central Florida after moving from California and are looking for their new parish home as well as their family home.

CFOCF TEAM

**TEAM MEMBERS EARN CERTIFICATE IN
FUNDRAISING AND DEVELOPMENT:**

DIANA LOAYZA & DORIS QUIÑONES



Congratulations to Diana Loayza, Legacy Gifts & Grants Manager and Doris Quinones, Stewardship Director - each earned a Certificate in Fundraising & Development after completing 60+ hours of courses at the Edyth Bush Institute for Philanthropy & Nonprofit Leadership at Rollins College.

The Certificate in Fundraising and Development helps professionals advance in the field, achieve career goals, and prepare for leadership roles in nonprofit fundraising/development departments. The program offers training in fundraising fundamentals, special gifts, capital campaigns and planned giving.

THE BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL WELLNESS:

REACHING YOUR FINANCIAL & PHILANTHROPIC GOALS

Do You Take RMDs from Your IRA?

Did you know that you can make charitable donations directly from your IRA? This qualified charitable distribution (QCD) can satisfy all or part of your RMD and reduces your taxable income! Contact your account administrator to request the QCD from your IRA.

Charity: **The Catholic Foundation of
Central Florida
P.O. Box 4905
Orlando, FL 32802**

EIN #: **26-0879378**

Donations from your IRA must be dispersed directly to a charity, like The Catholic Foundation, to qualify for the tax benefits! We can distribute your gift to any diocesan ministry, your parish offertory, Our Catholic Appeal or to build an endowment. To inform us of how you would like your gift directed, please contact us at:

(407) 246-7188



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MARKET COMMENTARY & OUTLOOK:

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2021

BY THE CONCORD ADVISORY GROUP LTD

Market Commentary

U.S. equities overcame concerns of a rapidly spreading COVID variant, higher inflation and the prospect of reduced monetary and fiscal stimulus in the coming months to end the quarter and full year with solid gains. The S&P 500 Index returned 28.71% for the full calendar year and was the strongest performing equity segment for the year. Developed non-U.S. markets, primarily in the Eurozone, experienced gains for the year but meaningfully trailed U.S. markets, while emerging market equities were modestly negative for the year.

Equity Market	Past Month	Past 3 Months	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs
S&P 500	4.48%	11.03%	28.71%	28.71%	26.07%	18.47%	16.55%
Russell 1000	4.05%	9.78%	26.45%	26.45%	26.21%	18.43%	16.54%
Russell 1000 Growth	2.11%	11.64%	27.60%	27.60%	34.08%	25.32%	19.79%
Russell 1000 Value	6.31%	7.77%	25.16%	25.16%	17.65%	11.17%	12.97%
Russell MidCap	4.08%	6.44%	22.58%	22.58%	23.29%	15.10%	14.91%
Russell 2000	2.23%	2.14%	14.82%	14.82%	20.02%	12.02%	13.23%
Russell 2000 Growth	0.44%	0.01%	2.83%	2.83%	21.17%	14.54%	14.14%
Russell 2000 Value	4.08%	4.36%	28.27%	28.27%	17.99%	9.07%	12.03%
MSCI ACWI	4.00%	6.68%	18.54%	18.54%	20.39%	14.40%	11.85%
MSCI World	4.27%	7.77%	21.82%	21.82%	21.70%	15.03%	12.70%
MSCI ACWI Ex-US	4.13%	1.82%	7.82%	7.82%	13.18%	9.61%	7.28%
MSCI EAFE	5.12%	2.69%	11.26%	11.26%	13.54%	9.55%	8.03%
MSCI EM	1.88%	-1.31%	-2.54%	-2.54%	10.95%	9.88%	5.49%
Bloomberg Commodity	3.53%	-1.56%	27.11%	27.11%	9.86%	3.66%	-2.85%

Broad U.S. fixed income markets ended the fourth quarter flat and ended the year in negative territory as interest rates generally increased throughout the year on concerns of higher inflation and expectations of future rate increases.

Fixed Income Market	Past Month	Past 3 Months	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs
Bloomberg Aggregate	-0.26%	0.01%	-1.54%	-1.54%	4.79%	3.57%	2.90%
Bloomberg Global Aggregate	-0.14%	-0.67%	-4.71%	-4.71%	3.59%	3.36%	1.77%
Bloomberg Intermediate Aggregate	-0.12%	-0.51%	-1.29%	-1.29%	3.60%	2.79%	2.37%
Bloomberg Universal	-0.07%	-0.03%	-1.10%	-1.10%	5.15%	3.84%	3.31%
Bloomberg Government	-0.51%	0.15%	-2.28%	-2.28%	4.07%	3.07%	2.14%
Bloomberg Credit	-0.08%	0.22%	-1.08%	-1.08%	7.18%	5.05%	4.45%
Bloomberg Municipal	0.16%	0.72%	1.52%	1.52%	4.73%	4.18%	3.73%
Bloomberg High Yield	1.87%	0.71%	5.28%	5.28%	8.83%	6.30%	6.83%
Bloomberg Mortgage	-0.09%	-0.37%	-1.04%	-1.04%	3.01%	2.50%	2.28%
Bloomberg 1-3 Yr Gov/Credit	-0.15%	-0.56%	-0.47%	-0.47%	2.28%	1.86%	1.39%
FTSE 3-Month Treasury Bill	0.00%	0.01%	0.05%	0.05%	0.95%	1.11%	0.60%
FTSE World Govt Bond	-0.62%	-1.10%	-6.97%	-6.97%	2.75%	2.95%	0.96%
Bloomberg U.S. TIPS	0.32%	2.36%	5.96%	5.96%	8.45%	5.34%	3.09%
BofAML Invest Grade Convertible	3.85%	5.07%	10.42%	10.42%	12.81%	12.42%	12.60%

Outlook

While fundamental factors have contributed to outstanding gains in stock prices, the gains are also linked to unprecedented monetary support. Starting in November 2008, the Federal Reserve embarked on an expansion of its balance sheet, buying financial assets. As the chart shows, asset returns tended to be higher and volatility lower in periods of Fed buying, and returns lower and volatility higher in the brief periods when the Fed was selling assets or tapering.

Looking ahead, rising consumer prices are going to force the Fed to tighten its policy, which may increase stock market volatility and suppress price appreciation. In addition, expiring fiscal programs, including the child tax credit (\$16 billion per month) and the pause on student loan payments (\$5 billion per month ending in May) are significant fiscal policy reductions.

QE Helped Drive Stock Returns & Suppressed Volatility



MAKING OUR WAY HOME:

***ST. FAUSTINA CHURCH
GROUNDBREAKING***



Marta Sweeney (right), Vice President, Chief Community Services Officer joins in the excitement of the groundbreaking for the new St. Faustina Catholic Church. Marta and her team worked with the parish leaders, pastor and dean to engage generous donors in the capital campaign for the project. Site preparation has begun for the future home of the St. Faustina parish community. Together, we are "Making our Way Home" by building a permanent structure for this faithful community. We are grateful for the selfless dedication and stewardship of this parish community over the past 14 years and look forward to the project's completion.

Also pictured (from right to left), Anthony DiPaola (Diocesan Ecclesiastical Properties), Theresa Simon (Chancellor) and Scott Ferguson (Diocesan Secretary for Ecclesiastical Properties).

MAKING OUR WAY HOME CAMPAIGN

SEMINARIAN COLLECTION



Our seminarians are answering God's call and they are the vital leadership for the future of our Church. Supporting our seminarians during their formation and discernment of the vocation to priesthood ensures that funding is never an obstacle between a man and his sacred calling. Please prayerfully consider a generous gift to support these men who are willing to lay down their lives in service to the people of God and the Lord.

SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS

UPCOMING EVENTS



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Legacy Planning Seminar Series

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ST. PATRICK
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Thu, March 10
10:00a.m.

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Thu, March 17
10:00a.m.

Taxes & Estates: Protecting Your Family and Planning Today for a Better Tomorrow

Thu, March 24
10:00a.m.

Catholic Funeral Rites & Leaving a Legacy of Faith

6803 Old Hwy 441, Mt Dora, FL

RSVP (For One Or More Sessions)
by contacting the Parish Office at:
(352) 383-8556 or mbaugh@stpatrickmtdora.org

OUR GREATEST GIFT

by Teresa Ell

Catholic Social Teaching informs us on how we should lead lives of holiness through our interactions, but the belief in the Life and Dignity of the Human Person is the foundation. From conception to natural death, we acknowledge the

sacredness of human life and we are called to support and care for everyone in our world. Every life is sacred and deserves to be treated with respect and love. God's image is reflected in each person and it is our obligation to cherish that grace in the way we minister to others. God pours His love on us, and we are asked to do the same.

Because above all, there is love.

In our current society this can seem like an impossibility. We are bombarded with messages of distrust and anger, and accusations fly easily. Human life is portrayed as a bargaining chip, as if our value is determined by society's whims.

How do we fight this? How do we move forward? How do we love each other when there is so much hate?

Jesus shows us.

In His last moments on the cross Jesus prayed to God asking for mercy for all those who participated in His crucifixion. While He was dying, *suffering*, Jesus prayed for mercy and for *love* because He knew the power of prayer. Prayer is our greatest weapon. Through prayer we reach out and engage with one another in an action that unites us into one, catholic body. We become one voice when we ask God for help and support, and we must always remember this.



The USCCB has designated January 22nd as a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children, when all Catholics in the United States are called upon to pray for the legal guarantee of the right to life. Unborn children are some of the most vulnerable people in our current society.

Since *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* were decided, millions of unborn children have been aborted.

We know that all life is precious and we must do everything in our power to protect the unborn. We ask that you join us in observing this day and pray for those who cannot pray for themselves.

It must also be noted that we are asked to pray not just for unborn children, but also for those who participated in acts of abortion. Just as unborn children deserve dignity, respect, and compassion, so do the mothers, fathers, nurses, doctors, and all those who participate in these actions. We need to pray for the

protection of unborn children, but we must also pray for everyone who has experienced suffering from abortion. Jesus shows us that everyone deserves mercy. It is our responsibility to be an instrument for God's love so that we may come to understand the sacredness of life.

Our greatest weapon is prayer.

But our greatest gift is love.

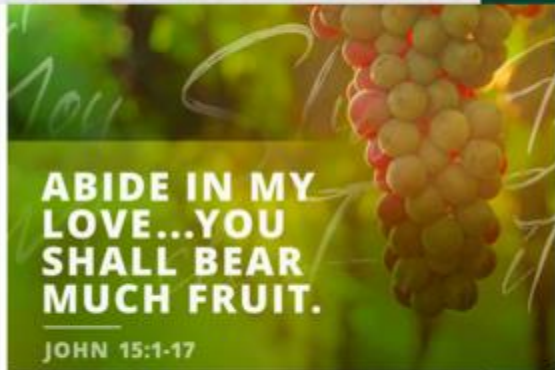
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GROW YOUR FAITH

IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY WE REFLECT UPON...



JANUARY 1 ~ World Day of Peace



2021: "Abide in my love... You shall bear much fruit." - John 15:1-17

For the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2021, the Monastic Community of Grandchamp (located in Switzerland) chose "Abide in my love... You shall bear much fruit" from the Gospel of John, chapter 15. This expresses the Grandchamp Community's vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the Church and the human family.

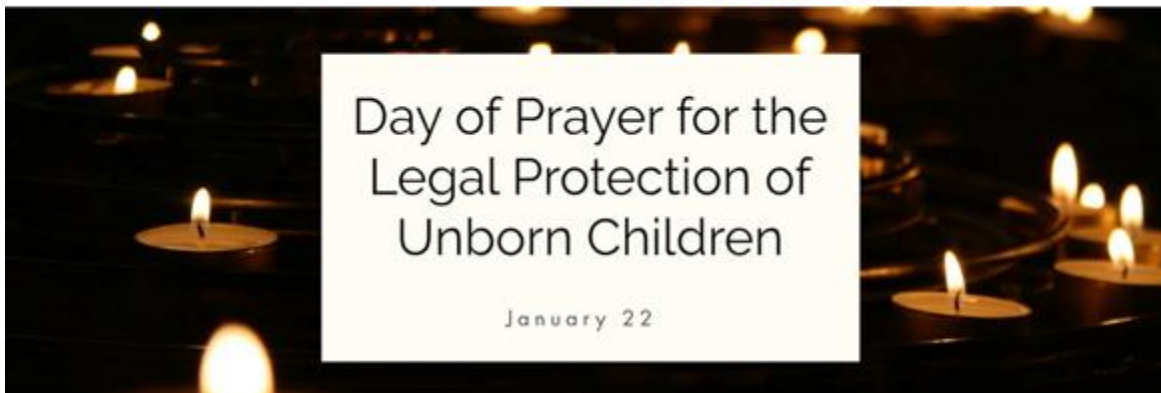
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JANUARY 18 - 25 ~ [Week of Prayer for Christian Unity](#)



A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer.

Pope Saint John Paul II - Evangelium Vitae



JANUARY 22 ~ [Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children](#)

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Observed on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Sunday between January 21-27)

“He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures” (Lk 24:45).

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF:

JANUARY 2022

TRUE HUMAN FRATERNITY

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

DISCOVER THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR 2022

About The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida

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 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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