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Reflection on Summer Family Time

Summertime provides a great opportunity for families to reconnect. The pace of school with academics, meetings and extracurricular activities usually halts or slows for our children. We look to this slightly less hectic time of year to find engaging activities to keep our children active and for our families to spend some quality time together. Summer also provides us with many opportunities to enhance and practice our Catholic faith, here are a few suggestions for your family!

San Pedro Spiritual Development Center

Summer camps are one of the most popular activities which can help to keep our children from getting bored (and keep them away from electronic screens). San Pedro Spiritual Retreat Center in Winter Park offers our children the opportunity to encounter others their age, participate in fun camp activities and also encounter Jesus. The Retreat Center also offers guided retreats and other events for the family to enjoy. Check their website at sanpedrocenter.org for some at-home retreat guides. The new Queen of Angels cemetery at San Pedro is beautiful and is across from the priest cemetery. You could visit the cemetery and pray for the repose of the souls buried there.

Pilgrimage

A pilgrimage is a journey where a person goes in search of a new experience or expanded meaning. If you are traveling you may check to see if there's a pilgrim site for you to visit at your destination. National shrines, cathedrals and basilicas make good pilgrimage destinations. We are fortunate to have one in our backyard, the Basilica, National Shrine of Mary Queen of the Universe. Consider a

'staycation' type pilgrimage and visit the beautiful church and grounds. Mgus.org

Serving Others

Consider a service project for your family. Check with your parish office to see which ministries might be in need of services which your family can provide. You might know an elderly neighbor who needs help with their lawn and your family can take an afternoon to provide this service. Before you do back-to-school shopping have the children clean out their closets,. If there are lightly used articles they can be donated to St. Vincent De Paul or local charities. Catholic Charities of Central Florida also offers volunteer opportunities. cflcc.org/volunteer

Adoration

Adoration chapels give us an opportunity to gather at our church outside of Mass and spend some quiet time in prayer with Jesus present. You can visit the adoration chapel anytime with family (during open hours) and you can also check with your parish on dates scheduled for the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Enjoy God's Creation

Visit a state or national park and spend time with your family in God's glorious creation. Consider also doing some stargazing one night at home and praying a night prayer. Another opportunity to get close to creation, plant an edible garden of herbs or vegetables and plan how you will use your fresh harvest for your family meals.

Families are a blessing from God and we experience God's love through engaging with one another. May you and your family find time this summer to share your love and new experiences.

There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens.

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Kimberlee Riley, CAP

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[New Headquarters Tour for Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation](#)



Several members of The Catholic Foundation Team along with our CAP Study Group partner, Darrell DeVaney of F4 Wealth Advisors had the opportunity to tour the new Headquarters building for Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation

[CFOCF Staff Joins ICSC Meeting of Southeastern Dioceses](#)



Four members of The Catholic Foundation team, Marta Sweeney, Madelyn Weed, Doris Quinones & Charlie Van Patten, traveled to St. Augustine to join 25 colleagues from 14 Dioceses throughout the Southeast for the annual ICSC

(EBCF), lovingly called The Edyth. [Read More](#)

Regions IV & XIV Meeting. [Read More](#)

In the Spotlight



Articles to share

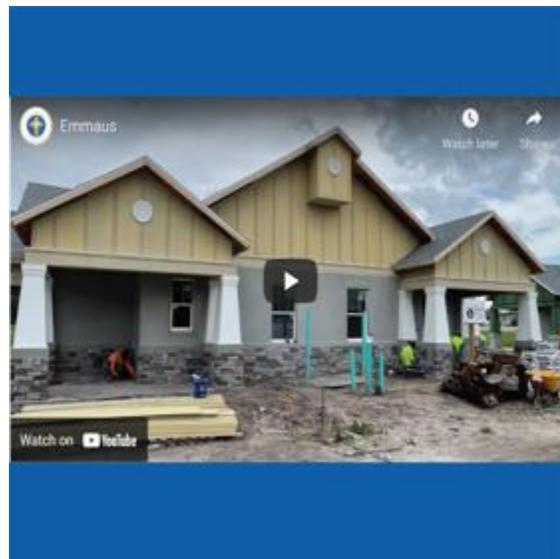


As a foundation we strive to stay on top of the latest giving trends to keep our constituents abreast of ever changing data. Giving USA's Annual Report on Philanthropy illustrated some interesting data in regard to giving in 2021 and the global pandemic in 2020. [Continue reading.](#)

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The Vuongs chose the name St. Philip Phan Van Minh to honor the Vietnamese saint and have high hopes that they can influence other Vietnamese parishioners to consider using the donor advised fund at The Catholic Foundation for their charitable work. [Read More](#)

See the progress video on the construction of the new independent-living residence for retired priests. Thank you to all who have contributed to making this vision possible! If you have not done so, we invite you to prayerfully consider a gift. [Click here for additional info](#)

Rockledge Knights Donate \$22,444 at Award Ceremony



The Rockledge Knights of Columbus Council 6125 announced the awarding of \$22,444.44 in donations including support for Emmaus, the new independent living community for retired priests at San Pedro Spiritual Development Center. [Read More](#)

We Bid Farewell to: Carolyn Ell



We recently received the news that our own Carolyn Ell would be leaving us. David Carolyn's husband, has accepted the position of COO for the Catholic Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee and Carolyn will also be sharing her talents with the faithful there. [Read More](#)

The Catholic Foundation Welcomes:



Thien Nguyen
Data Control Specialist



Jannah Eilanie Szeibert
Community Service Coordinator

Upcoming Initiatives and Events



Funded by The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida Endowment, we are pleased to offer 3 scholarship grants to pastors and parish staff/leaders interested in attending the 2022 International Catholic Stewardship Council (ICSC) Conference being held in Anaheim, California at the Hilton Anaheim from October 2-5, 2022. The 60th annual ICSC conference — themed “Stewardship – A Disciple’s Response” will offer attendees a chance to gather and reflect on stewardship in the Catholic Church and to continue to prepare for its transformational future. The conference features networking opportunities and more than 100 stewardship-related sessions focusing on new ideas, innovations, strategies on coming back from the pandemic as together we bring our church throughout the world to its fullness of charity. The deadline to apply for the scholarship is August 8, 2022.

Learn more at www.cfocf.org/icscgrant

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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.

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