



**MARCH
2023**

Prayer knocks, fasting obtains and mercy receives.

This month the Office of Readings included a sermon by Saint Peter Chrysologus, bishop, who shares with us about prayer, fasting and mercy. He was clear that these three things – prayer, fasting and mercy – cannot be separated, they are intertwined. He said “Fasting is the soul of prayer; mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. These three are one and they give life to each other.”

Saint Peter Chrysologus reminds us that we should do unto others as we would have them do unto us. He says if we pray, we should fast and if we fast, we should show mercy and if we want our own petitions to be heard, we must hear the petitions of others. He guides us to keep our ears open to others as we want God’s ears to be open to ourselves. If we want God to know that we are hungry, we need to know that another is hungry. If we hope for mercy, we should show mercy to others. If we are looking for kindness, we should show kindness. If we want to receive, we should give.

Lent is a beautiful season for us to give of ourselves so that we can receive. There is nothing more pleasing we can offer to God, a sacrifice. St Peter Chrysologus shares that we can gather by scattering; when we give to the poor, we give to ourselves, and we will not be allowed to keep what we have refused to give. We can give in many ways and St Peter Chrysologus’ words remind us to trust in our Savior and God’s plan which will provide us all we need.

As our Lenten journeys focus us on being merciful and making sacrifices, may this bring us closer to Jesus whose mercy is unending and was sacrificed for us.

Blessings,

Kimberlee Riley, CAP
President & CEO



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Seats New Board for 2023



Board, staff and guests of The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida join in prayer before the first board meeting of 2023. [Read more...](#)

Event Spotlight:

Planned Giving Advisory Council



Our Planned Giving Advisory Council met at Bishop Moore High School to discuss how bequests affect ministries in the diocese. [Read more...](#)

Fearless:

Celebrating The Foundation's Inspiring Women



March is Women's History Month. National Women's Day is March 8th. Here at the Foundation, we celebrate the remarkable women leaders on our board and staff all year long. [Read more...](#)

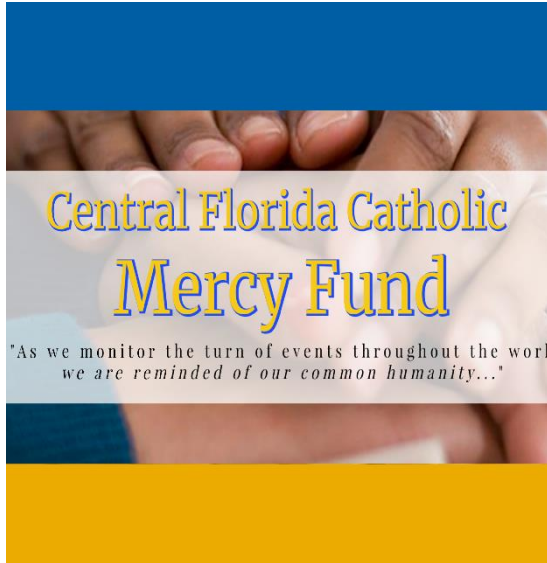
Marian Essay Contest



It was through Mary that Jesus came into the world; how can we imitate Mary and bring Christ to others? That's the theme of this year's Marian Essay Contest. Entries are accepted through April 20th. [Read more...](#)

Fund Spotlight:

The Mercy Fund



It has been three years since the Covid-19 pandemic changed all our lives. With the increase in need in the community, The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida established the Mercy Fund.

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St. Katharine Drexel:

Patron Saint of Philanthropy



St. Katherine Drexel was the 2nd American-born saint. We celebrate her feast day on March 3rd, another inspiring woman to honor and remember during Women's History Month.

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Board of Directors Committee Leadership

Lori Tolland



Lori Tolland continues to serve as Development Committee Chair. Lori is a Registered Nurse at several ambulatory surgical centers and Hospice Care Center. Most recently, Lori began to serve as a City Commissioner in Ormond Beach.

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Randall Scott



Randall Scott chairs the Audit and Finance Committee. He is President, CEO and Chairman of MANDEX, Inc. He has enjoyed a career of more than 50 years, including service in the U.S. military and as a contractor supporting national defense.

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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.

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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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