



**The Catholic Foundation
of Central Florida**
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Newsletter

Honoring Her, Mother of Jesus, Mother of All of Us

William Goding, author of *Lord of the Flies* which is known for Christian allegories said "Whatever you give a woman, she will make greater". He wrote this in 1954 about all women on earth, but we as Catholics, knew this many years before from the example of our beloved mother Mary, mother of Jesus Christ. She gave us the most beautiful gift through the blessings of her decisions, her body and her faith.

She believed when the angel Gabriel said to her: "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus." May is the month to honor her - honor her love for us, her children; honor her massive protection and honor the hope and faith she builds in our hearts. "Whoever places his trust in Her will never feel let down" *Saint John Bosco.*

As we focused on Mary during this month we celebrated various initiatives which, like her example, further us in our mission of building the kingdom of God. We shared information and opportunities for how we return our blessings to God through one of our Planned Giving Advisory Council Meetings, our inaugural Central Florida CAP Study Group Graduation and the establishment of the Matthew25 Fund as a few of our efforts to serve our community, parishes and ministries.

Some of our team joined with other diocesan team members to consecrate themselves to Mary this past month - an initiative led by one of our Board of Directors, Sister Maria Teresa Acosta. We are grateful to our Blessed Mother for her guidance and grace, for her immaculate heart that leads us to God, and for the peace she provided through the birth of our Savior, a peace which passes all understanding.

May the peace of our Lord be with you,

Kimberlee Riley, CAP
President & CEO

In This Month's Newsletter:

- **Planned Giving Advisory Council Meeting:** Lecture by Dr. Russell James, JD, PhD, CFP
- **Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy CAP®:** Inaugural Study Group Graduation
- **In The Spotlight:** Talking With Advisors About Your Charitable Giving
- **Matthew25 Fund:** Catholic Charities of Central Florida
- **Emmaus Community:** Sts. John Vianney and Joseph Residence and St. Michael Security Sponsors Tour
- **CFOCF Welcomes:** Maria C. Durango
- **CFOCF Meet the Experts:** Charles Van Patten
- **Upcoming Events:** Legacy Planning Seminars

PGAC Meeting 2022

[Planned Giving Advisory Council](#)



As part of our Donor Services, we invited Legal and Financial Advisors and nonprofit Professionals to join our Planned Giving Advisory Council Meeting with Dr. Russell James, JD, PhD, CFP; presenting "[The Top 10 Charitable planning strategies for financial and legal advisors](#)". [Watch Promotional Video](#)

Inaugural CAP Study Group Graduates

[Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy](#)



We are pleased to celebrate and announce the graduation of our inaugural Central Florida [Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy CAP® Study Group](#). The CAP is an elite designation which provides ethical and technical training for advisors and nonprofit executives to support philanthropists from a multi-discipline and multi-sector perspective.



TALKING WITH ADVISORS ABOUT YOUR CHARITABLE GIVING



Charity comes from the heart but giving is a financial decision and these decisions ideally take consideration and planning. Learning how to give strategically improves how we manage our resources. Traditionally financial advisors have been trained to focus on how we build our wealth, but these financial strategies don't necessarily help us give. Similarly, legal advisors have been trained to focus on how we distribute our wealth in a traditional method of only giving to heirs. [Continue reading.](#)

Matthew25 Campaign

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MATTHEW 25 FUND
"COME, YOU WHO ARE BLESSED BY MY FATHER,
INHERIT THE KINGDOM PREPARED FOR YOU FROM
THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD.
FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME FOOD,
I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME DRINK,
A STRANGER AND YOU WELCOMED ME,
NAKED AND YOU CLOTHED ME,
ILL AND YOU CARED FOR ME,
IN PRISON AND YOU
VISITED ME."

Catholic Charities of Central Florida
A Member of the Catholic Community Foundation

All donations made through December 31st will be matched
dollar-for-dollar up to \$600,000!

The [Matthew25 Fund](#) is being established to provide long-term financial support for Catholic Charities' mission to embrace those in need. In celebration of their 60th Anniversary Year and through generous gifts from the Clarence P. Geis Trust and the Gardner Family, all donations made through December 31st – will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$600,000!

Emmaus Community Construction Update



Leadership donors were invited to join Bishop Noonan on May 25th for a sneak peek at the construction progress for Phase I of Emmaus – the new residence community for retired priests on the campus of San Pedro Center.

[View the Gallery](#)
[Make a Gift](#)

The Catholic Foundation Welcomes and Introduces:



Maria C. Durango Dickson
[New Position](#) as:
Communications Coordinator



Charles Van Patten
[Meet the Expert:](#)
Director of Philanthropy

Upcoming Events



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EVENTS

Place:
Nativity Catholic Church
3255 N Ronald Reagan Blvd,
Longwood, FL 32750

RSVP
For one or more sessions by
contacting: **Vicky Wulff**
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(407) 322 3961

**Light Snacks and
Beverages will be
provided**

Legacy Planning Seminar Series

hosted by:



**Nativity
Catholic Church**
A Welcoming Community of Believers

Will & Estate Planning
Sun, June 5th 12:30pm Do you know the 3 documents every Catholic American needs to have?

Taxes & Estates:
Sun, June 12th 12:30pm Protecting your family and planning today for a better tomorrow

Sun, June 26th 12:30pm **Catholic Funeral Rites & leaving a legacy of Faith**

RSVP to receive a folder filled with FREE planning resources and the opportunity for a FREE one-hour consultation with each speaker!

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.

Returning God's Gifts



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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