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Newsletter



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Imitation of the Beloved

Each turn of the new year we are inspired to change, to improve our lives and the lives of those around us; to love God, to love each other, and to love ourselves. Put simply, to love more! New Year's resolutions are easily made and just as easily forgotten. We make lofty goals we can't possibly attain, then we aren't so disappointed when we fail—we expect to! But this one is easier, I think, and more inspired: to love more.

This month we are remembering Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, whose leadership and sacrifice in challenging times has been an example for Catholics and non-Catholics worldwide. He famously wrote:

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Like a sudden conversion to a New Year's fitness routine, the devil's in the details: How do you lose 30 pounds by Memorial Day? How exactly do you love more? Practice, practice, practice. Seek out new opportunities to love others, particularly the “least of these” for whom we are most emphatically called to care for. Start with those who have perhaps not been so easy to love, even members of our own families.

Our Catholic Appeal is the annual call from Bishop John Noonan: to find the love in our hearts to participate as members of the Body of Christ to build up the Kingdom of God in Central Florida. Joining with our brothers and sisters in Christ we can achieve great things, move literal mountains. Working collaboratively is at the very core of what we do at The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida. We don't achieve our goals without the board, staff, partners, donors and investors who collectively steward our Church and work together to build the

Kingdom of God. My prayer this year is that we can make those connections and nurture those relationships which surround us and bind us together as Catholics and Christians—and, in imitation of the Beloved, to love more. We know that with God all things are possible, so we just begin. Start and lead with love, then love a little more. May God bless you this new year and always.



Kimberlee Riley, CAP
President & CEO

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Grateful for Your Impactful Service!



Orlando Evora joined The Catholic Foundation Board of Directors in 2011 bringing legal expertise and a passion for Catholic education. He was elected as Chairman of the Board of Directors in November 2016.

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John Kancilia joined The Catholic Foundation Board of Directors in 2012 bringing tax, corporate and wealth transfer law experience. John was elected to serve as Treasurer of the Board of Directors in November 2014.

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Legacy Planning Seminar Series

Preparing Your Catholic Legacy

Life is unpredictable. Are you prepared?

When you plan for the future, you can make sure that your final wishes are known and followed. If you have been too busy, worried that building a plan is too expensive, or simply procrastinating, this FREE seminar series will help get you started on building or updating your family's important life and legacy plans. This is a chance to have your questions answered by Catholic professionals on these important topics at no charge and with no obligations.

Place:

St. Joseph Catholic Church - Palm Bay
5330 Babcock St.
NE Palm Bay, FL

RSVP

(For one or more sessions) by
contacting Annie O'Neill
at

oneilla@st-joe.org

or call

(321) 727-1565 ext. 414

Wed. Feb. 1st *Will & Estate Planning:*

9:30am *Learn about the key estate planning documents every Catholic American needs to have.*

Wed. Feb. 8th *Financial Planning:*

9:30am *Protecting your family and planning today for a better tomorrow.*

Wed. Feb. 15th *Catholic Funeral Rites &*

9:30am *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!



As we begin a new year, we want to share a powerful step you can take today that allows you to pay it forward for future generations. **Creating your estate plan** is a simple resolution that makes a lasting impact.

Ministry Spotlight:

Vocations Office and Seminarians



Our seminarians are answering God's call and they are the vital leadership for the future of our Church. Your gift supports seminarians during their formation and discernment of the vocation to the priesthood.

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ADVISOR RESOURCES

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Our very own [Kimberlee Riley, CAP®](#) recently authored an article for [Philanthropy Impact](#). Read her article on the impact and legacy of a trusted advisor [here](#):

Foundation Organizational Excellence



In alignment with our Strategic Plan we continue to enhance governance and administration through our transparency. We are pleased to share, with the updates to our Guidestar profile, we have earned the 2023 Platinum Seal of Transparency. This is the highest level of recognition offered. By sharing goals and metrics that highlight the progress we are making toward our mission, we are helping our donors see the impact of their

donations. We are grateful for the generosity of our donors and their partnership to walk with us in addressing our community's spiritual and corporal needs.

Upcoming Foundation Event:



WOMEN'S

Philanthropic Giving Circle
of Central Florida

Collective ♥ Compassionate ♥ Catholic



Kickoff Mass & Luncheon

with Bishop John Noonan
St. James Cathedral & Social Hall

Friday, February 10th

Mass at 12:10 PM

Luncheon at 1:00 PM

(RSVP Required)



To RSVP or learn more
Scan the QR code or visit
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Discover a group of
Catholic women who
desire to make a
strategic difference in
our community through
collective philanthropy!

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



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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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