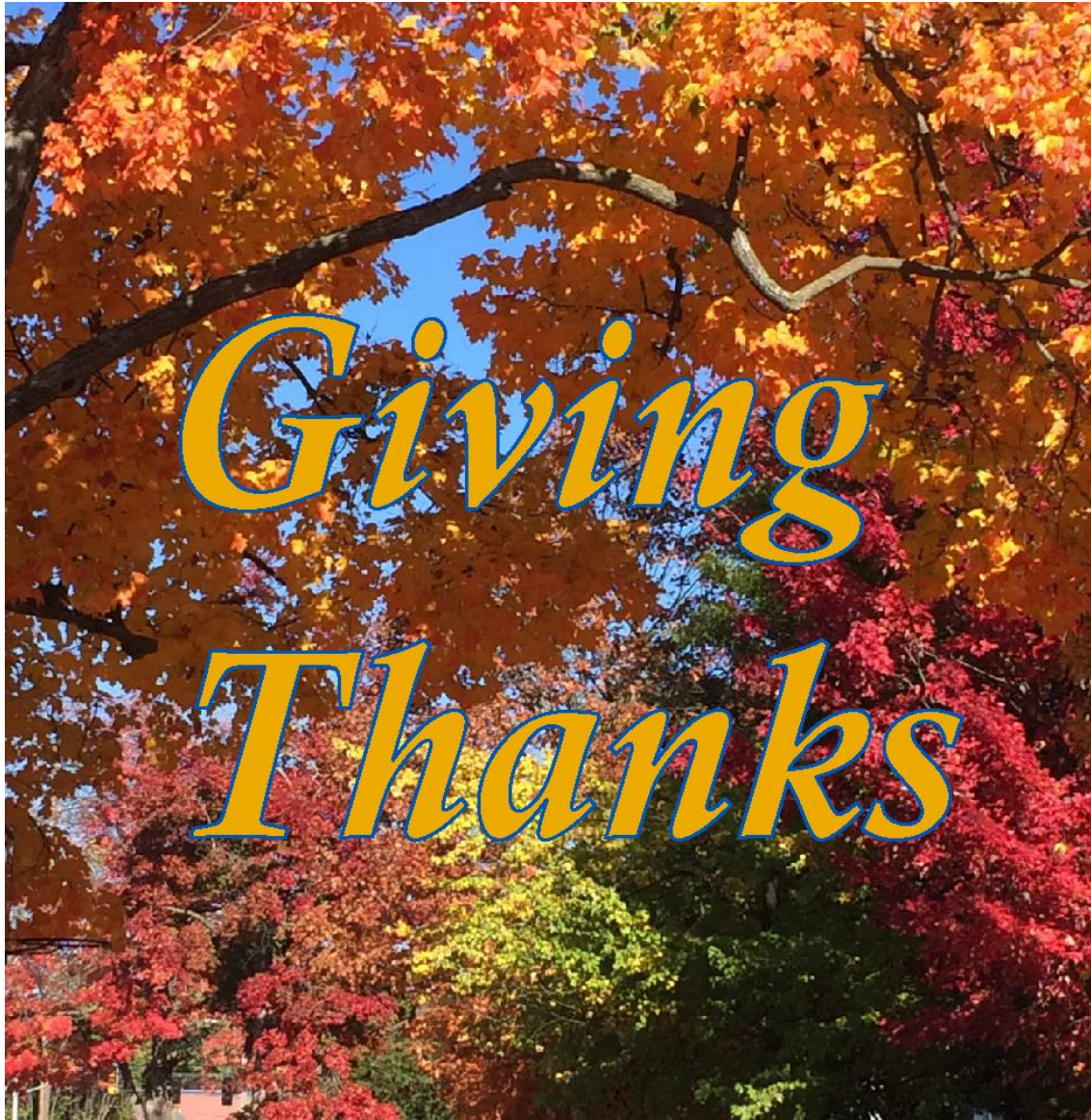




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Inspire Giving. Fund God's Work.



## Let every heart prepare Him room!

Happy Thanksgiving! The Catholic Foundation is grateful for our generous donors who give so willingly from their hearts to advance the ministries of our Church in Central Florida! May you and your family enjoy gathering and breaking bread together. After Thanksgiving the season of Advent begins and it is a season of anticipation and preparation. Often this time of year we might find ourselves overwhelmed by that sense of anticipation and an urgent need to prepare. We have family visiting, gifts to buy, baking to do, a tree and home to decorate, Christmas cards to write and mail, while we should be slowing down and preparing to receive an infant, King and Savior.

I've learned I'm more of a Martha than a Mary and Advent season can really bring that out. Remember the story in Luke's Gospel? Jesus visits the home of the two sisters. And while Mary sits at the Lord's feet, listening to His teaching, Martha is distracted by many tasks, consumed with worry that Mary is doing nothing to help prepare for their honored guest. She goes so far as to ask Jesus to instruct Mary to help her. He replies, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

I'm going to try to choose the better part this year and I invite you to join me by attending Mass, participating in reconciliation, praying the rosary, reading scripture and engaging with your parish community for Advent events. Holiday decorations and traditions are wonderful, but there's little significance to our efforts without the Word which was made flesh and dwelt among us. During the season of giving, when buying gifts I hope you will also prayerfully consider making an end of year gift, either to the Foundation, or to one of the many wonderful parishes, ministries, non-profits, or schools in Central Florida which serve the people of God in our community. Our team is available to share the many options available to you and how you can make a powerful impact through your charitable giving.

Please know of my prayers for you throughout the season and know of my gratitude for all your support throughout the year.



**Kimberlee Riley, CAP**  
President & CEO

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## **In This Month's Newsletter:**

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# ***Happy Thanksgiving!***

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## **A Prayer of Gratitude and Thanksgiving:**

We pray in gratitude for the generous hearts who respond to God's call to share their blessings in service to others and support of our community.

Thank you God for the blessings provided through the talents of our board and staff members and their dedication. We are grateful for the clergy and religious and the collaboration with our partners in the diocese.

Thank you Lord for your presence in our work and daily lives and in the Eucharist.

We are thankful for the everyday pleasures of Creation and the hope of salvation and eternal life.

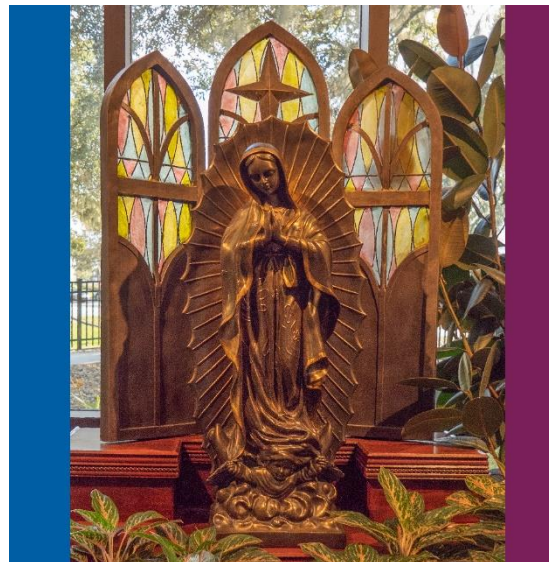
All this we pray in the Holy Name of Jesus, Amen.

### *Industry Spotlight:* Giving Tuesday



It's almost here! Catholic Giving Tuesday is November 29th. [Click here today](#) to support your favorite parish, school, or ministry in Central Florida.

### *Advancing Our Church* Board Annual Meeting

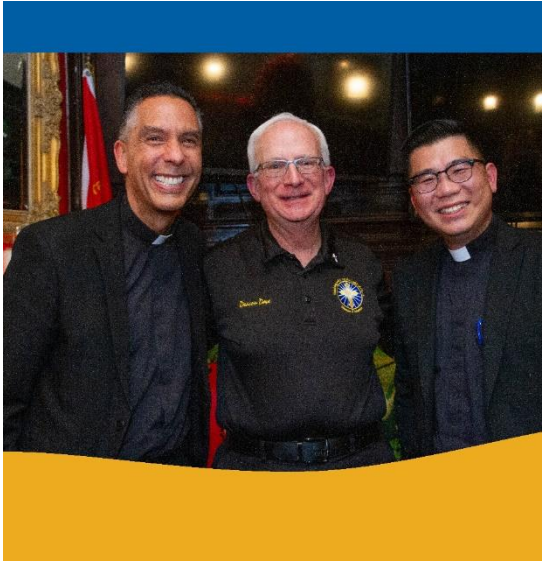


Foundation board members gathered at San Pedro Spiritual Development Center in Winter Park for their annual meeting and retreat [November 2-3.](#)



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*Event Spotlight:*  
Theology on Tap



The Foundation Planned Giving and Advisory Council (PGAC) met for Theology on Tap at Fiddler's Green in Winter Park. Fr. Olmo, Fr. Nguyen, and Deacon Dave led a discussion where everyone [shared their faith journey and calling to vocation.](#)

*CAP Study Group*  
NightCAP



The Central Florida CAP Study Group met for a NightCAP networking event at the Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation. [We welcomed new program director](#) Jennifer Lehman of The American College of Financial Services.

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*Events:*  
National Philanthropy Day



The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) and The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida celebrated National Philanthropy Day [November 4th at the Ritz Carlton in Orlando.](#)

*The Foundation*  
*Welcomes:*  
Elle Voorhees



Elle comes to us from an education services company where she was associate director of marketing. [Here at the Foundation,](#) she's working with schools and parishes on capital campaigns and other initiatives.

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*Industry Spotlight:*  
Transformed by Grace

Charitable giving transforms us into God's agents of change. [Read more:](#)

*Industry Spotlight:*  
Year-End Giving Guide

[Click here](#) to view our comprehensive end-of-year giving guide.



# WOMEN'S

Philanthropic Giving Circle  
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*Kickoff Mass & Meeting  
with Bishop John Noonan  
St. James Cathedral Chapel & Social Hall  
November 30th at 4:00 PM  
(RSVP Required)*



We are excited to announce the date for our inaugural [Kickoff Mass & Meeting](#)! Bishop John Noonan has been incredibly supportive of this Women's Philanthropic Giving Circle, and we are blessed to have him joining us for this event! Bishop Noonan will celebrate Mass with us and share his vision for the diocese and some of the greatest areas of need.

We look forward to welcoming our new members, and those who are interested in learning more about this new initiative to bring together charitable-hearted women to strengthen our community in the Diocese of Orlando through engaged and collective philanthropy!

[Kickoff Mass & Meeting](#)  
Wednesday, November 30th  
4:00 PM

St. James Cathedral Chapel & Social Hall  
215 N Orange Ave, Orlando

Please feel free to invite others to attend, we welcome women who live within the nine counties of the Diocese of Orlando. If you have any questions, contact **Madelyn Weed**, Vice President of Donor Services, at **(407) 246-7188**.

## 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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