



**The Catholic Foundation
of Central Florida**

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The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida Newsletter

Greetings! As we prepare to send our September newsletter, Hurricane Ian is forecast to greatly impact Florida. We pray for all in the path of the storm and for the safety of all first responders. Amen.

Reflections on Grandparents Day

“Grandparents are a treasure in the family. Please, take care of your grandparents: love them and let them talk to your children!” — Pope Francis

In September we celebrate Grandparents day, and it’s always a good chance for me to reflect upon the rich legacy of love that my own Grandmother shared with me.

Grandparents grant us an abundance of gifts: wisdom, insights, history, love, compassion, faith, and let’s not forget about fun. Growing up, my grandmother was a tremendous source of inspiration for the strong faith I hold today. I was raised Episcopalian and I’ll never forget how my grandmother always made church a priority. She was highly engaged in her church community, read the bible regularly, and constantly strived to share her deep faith in God’s abundant love for us through His Son. My grandmother’s faith was a wellspring of inspiration, one that I reflect upon often as a convert to the Catholic faith.

When I reflect upon the many lessons that my Grandmother taught me, I’m drawn to the notion of legacy. Legacy in my eyes is sharing our values, the very “things” that comprise who we are as an individual. What gifts have you received? What wisdom has been bestowed upon you? What valuable life lessons were shared that have informed who you are as a person today? That’s the good stuff, the stuff that we’re called to share and

pass down to our own families, to our children, or to all who we come into contact with throughout our lives.

I strive to take those valuable life nuggets shared from my grandmother and instill them in my own children, and that starts by living by example. It's not always easy, in fact, sometimes it can be quite challenging. Living by example and living those values out through your life, just like my grandmother did, is a powerful way to share the unconditional love of God to your children and all who you encounter.

At the Foundation, we believe so much in legacy and sharing those values that we've created a legacy journal as a resource for you and your loved ones. You can download the legacy journal [here](#)



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In the Spotlight



Articles to share

Ministry Spotlight Trinity High School



What began a little over 20 years ago with a dream and a blessing by then Bishop Norbert Dorsey, Trinity Catholic High School in Ocala, Florida is a true testament to what a faith filled community can accomplish. [Read more:](#)

Scholarship Grant Recipients



The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida prudently invests and manages resources entrusted to us and stewards those charitable gifts to support the needs of the community of the Diocese of Orlando. [Read more:](#)

Donor Spotlight

Jean Reynolds



Deeply impressed by the quality of care she received and moved by the wide variety of needs addressed by Catholic Charities of Central Florida, Jean Reynolds described her decision to establish a planned gift as a “no-brainer.” Learn more about Jean Reynolds' journey [here](#):

Fund Spotlight

St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Cloud



Planning ahead for a rainy day, the parish and school at St. Thomas Aquinas had the resources available before the need arose. Through the generosity of parishioners and other charitable donors, St. Thomas Aquinas established a 3-5 year capital reserve fund. [Read more:](#)

Community Event
Priest Convocation



"I'm always humbled by the devotion and dedication that our diocesan priests bring to the faithful and our greater community." Read more about the priest convocation [here](#):

Community Event
Welcoming Extern Deacons



The Office of the Permanent Diaconate is committed to serving the diverse needs of the diocese, local parishes and their surrounding communities. [Read more](#):

Upcoming Events:
Women's Giving Circle



The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida is excited to launch this new strategic initiative! To serve with purpose and strengthen our community through strategic, engaged and collective philanthropy. [Read more:](#)

Industry Spotlight
Inflation



Inflation has been on our minds and in the news a lot this year. Gas and food prices on the rise have made it more difficult for nonprofits to serve community needs while those needs are on the increase. [Read more:](#)

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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