



The Catholic Foundation
of Central Florida

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Greetings and blessings! We have been reflecting on the many blessings we gratefully received in 2022 and want to wish you many blessings in 2023.

Generosity. As faithful Catholics, this simple word carries a lot of weight. We are privileged to work with donors and see first-hand how they live out our calling to live sacrificial and generous lives. The small intentional steps we take each day play a pivotal role in our lifelong stewardship of the blessings we receive and everything God has entrusted to our care.

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. Included in our resolutions this year, we can add [Creating your estate plan](#) as a simple resolution to make a lasting impact to our families and the causes on our hearts. And when you include a gift to your parish, school or ministry in your plans, you create a legacy that:

1. Shares your faith and values with future generations
2. Secures the future of the parish, school or ministry
3. Makes a transformative impact far beyond your lifetime

The New Year serves as a reminder to complete this important life task that is often left undone. Nearly 67% of American adults don't have a plan in place and miss out on the opportunity to define their wishes and protect themselves and their loved ones.

[Create My Estate Plan](#)



Your legacy can make a lasting difference.

The Catholic Foundation is pleased to offer you an [online estate planning tool](#) from our partner FreeWill, which allows you to easily and efficiently create your will for free and, if you choose, include a legacy gift to your parish, school, or ministry. This free tool has been created by legal professionals and helps you

create your valid estate documents. This gift costs nothing today and is a powerful way to enrich and uplift our Catholic faith for generations to come. In recognition of your future gift, we will welcome you as a member of the **Vivos Christi Society**.

We recognize that this free resource might not be right for everyone, as each person's estate planning needs vary. For those who are interested in a customized estate plan, setting up a Trust or speaking with an attorney, we are blessed to have vetted Catholic estate planning attorneys on our **Planned Giving Advisory Council**. A list of these attorneys and their contact information is available at www.cfof.org/advisorycouncil.

Several of our **Planned Giving Advisory Council** members have offered a **FREE** one-hour consultation for individuals referred by The Catholic Foundation. Please contact Madelyn Weed, Vice President of Donor Services at mweed@cfof.org or (407) 246-7188 with a list of those professionals offering a FREE consultation.

Please know our Donor Services team can also assist you with any questions you may have about estate planning. We are blessed to have the opportunity to support you with your charitable goals. If you don't have a legal will in place yet, we hope the resources we offer can help you learn more about your options and allow you to get started on this important step in your stewardship journey.

Thank you for your consideration, and I hope this resource is a blessing to you.

Together in Christ,



Kimberlee Riley, CAP®
President & CEO

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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