

SPRING 2016 ORANGE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION NEWS FOR DONORS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORNER



Our mission statement, written at the bottom of this page, reflects the values of our organization. It is integral to our identity and vital to those whom we serve.

The Orange Catholic Foundation is an autonomous, pious foundation and a private juridic person under the Code of Canon Law for the Catholic Church. This means we are governed by an autonomous board of directors comprised of lay and clergy representatives with authority to act in the name of our foundation and to assist donors for the benefit of Catholic parishes, schools, and ministries here

in our Diocese of Orange. The Orange Catholic Foundation is a 501(c)(3) religious corporation qualified to receive tax deductible gifts and bequests and to manage, grow, and grant those funds according to the intentions of our donors. We are a fully transparent charitable organization with audited financial statements and are included in the IRS list of public charities (Publication 78).

Our statement continues that we "work in collaboration with members of our Diocese of Orange" (that's you) "to raise, manage, grow and grant funds supporting all aspects of the Catholic faith following each donor's intent."

With your help and generous support, we have grown over the years to raise funds through many avenues: the Pastoral Services Appeal (PSA); the first-ever, diocesan-wide capital campaign, For Christ Forever; the Capstone Campaign for Christ Cathedral; the annual Conference on Business & Ethics; special projects like the Marian Alliance and Our Lady of La Vang Shrine; corporate matching gifts; as well as gift acceptance in the forms of IRA charitable rollovers, real estate and non-cash gifts, and securities.

Where all of this makes a difference to our community is when we grant funds to support our parishes, to our Catholic schools that provide tuition assistance to those most in need, as well as to Catholic Charities, our detention ministry, the deaf ministry, the diaconate, our seminarians, and retired priests. We also grant funds for the renovation of the Christ Cathedral campus.

During this season of Easter, we begin celebrating the 40th anniversary of the decree that established our Diocese of Orange on March 30, 1976. In a recent statement, Bishop Kevin Vann shared: "As people of faith, the number 40 is a 'sacred number' of faith and often of journey in the pages of Sacred Scripture. Let us together give thanks to the Lord for the many blessings of this pilgrimage these past 40 years here in our Diocese. We should especially give thanks for those who were present then, and give thanks to the Lord for His love and providence that in this 'Camino,' He has brought so many of us together..."

To learn more about our Orange Catholic Foundation, I invite you to call us or visit our website. We are excited about our future and about supporting the continued growth of our diocese with you as our partner during this 40th anniversary year!

Cynthia Bobruk
President and Executive Director

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ORANGE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION WILLS AND TRUSTS WEEK MAY 16-21, 2016

Take steps to protect those you love with a new or updated estate plan.

Monday, May 16, 2016

10 am - 12 pm at Our Lady of Fatima Church
105 North La Esperanza, San Clemente

7 pm - 9 pm at St. Catherine of Siena School
30516 S Coast Hwy, Laguna Beach

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

10 am - 12 pm at St. Bonaventure Church
16400 Springdale Street, Huntington Beach

7 pm - 9 pm at Santa Margarita Catholic High School
R Building, Athletic Banquet Room
22062 Antonio Pkwy, Rancho Santa Margarita

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

10 am - 12 pm at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
900 W La Habra Blvd, La Habra

7 pm - 9 pm at St. Irenaeus Church
5201 Evergreen Avenue, Cypress

Thursday, May 19, 2016

10 am - 12 pm at St. Kilian Church
26872 Estanciero Drive, Mission Viejo

7 pm - 9 pm at St. Joachim Church
1964 Orange Avenue, Costa Mesa

Friday, May 20, 2016

10 am - 12 pm at Christ Cathedral Campus
Diocesan Pastoral Center
13280 Chapman Avenue, Garden Grove

Saturday, May 21, 2016

10 am - 12 pm at St. Pius V Church
7691 Orangethorpe Avenue, Buena Park

Admission is free

Refreshments will be served

Reservations appreciated, but not necessary

To make reservations or for information call

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LIGHT OF CHRIST LEGACY SOCIETY

The ORANGE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION LIGHT OF CHRIST LEGACY SOCIETY is a symbol of your faith in the vital ministries provided by our Catholic Church of Orange. The Light of Christ Legacy Society is a reminder of the Orange Catholic Foundation's mission to support all aspects of our Catholic faith and symbolizes our vision of reaching and serving the faithful in Orange County, California and beyond.

The Orange Catholic Foundation Light of Christ Legacy Society was established to recognize and thank supporters of the Diocese of Orange who provide for the long range financial stability of our Catholic parishes, schools, and ministries of our local Church of Orange.

Please consider including the Orange Catholic Foundation in your long-range financial plans. By prayerfully discerning this now, you may find that with tax advantages you are able to do more than you dreamed possible. For more information, email us at PlannedGiving@OrangeCatholicFoundation.org or call 714.282.3021.

Anyone who decides to make a legacy gift to a parish, a Catholic school, or to any other ministry of the Diocese of Orange qualifies as a member of the Orange Catholic Foundation Light of Christ Legacy Society. If you qualify for membership, please email or call us.

Your membership in the Light of Christ Legacy Society may be as private as you wish. We do not publish gift amounts, and you may choose to be listed as "private."

*You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God.
2 Corinthians 9:11*

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Orange Catholic Foundation welcomes the newest members to its Board of Directors, Mrs. Susan Strader and Mr. Michael Treska. Susan is a member of Legatus and The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher. Susan and her husband, Tim, are members of Our Lady Queen of Angels. Michael is a partner in the Corporate Department of Latham & Watkins LLP, He and his wife, Blair, are parishioners at Our Lady Queen of Angels.



QUIZ

While it is impossible to know or control what happens in the future, you can feel secure in achieving your ultimate goals by making a plan.

See what you know about wills, trusts, and powers of attorney. Take the following quiz and then join us at our Annual Spring Wills and Trusts Week May 16-21, 2016 to learn more.

(Answers on page 3)

QUIZ: TEST YOUR ESTATE PLANNING SMARTS

1. Only wealthier families with a high net worth need a will.
True False
2. In your will/trust, you may identify and give a beneficiary a specific asset.
True False
3. If your will/trust states that a specific asset is to be given to a person and that asset is not in the estate when you pass away, the specific bequest lapses and your beneficiary may not receive a bequest.
True False
4. It is possible to leave a specific amount of money to a person named in your will/trust.
True False
5. If you leave a specific dollar amount in the form of a bequest to a favorite charity, your executor/trustee may sell estate assets to fund that bequest.
True False
6. With a bequest to a religious charity or a local Catholic church, there is seldom a name problem.
True False
7. A gift of the residue to charity is frequently better than a specific bequest.
True False
8. A possible plan for the charitably-minded is to give the charities the same share as children, nephews, or nieces.
True False
9. A major advantage in leaving a percentage of an estate to heirs and/or charity is that all of the beneficiaries will share in the appreciation or the depreciation of the estate value.
True False
10. It is permissible for you to give a charity an undivided percentage interest in a home or other asset and still receive a charitable deduction for the estate.
True False

This information and quiz are intended to be general in nature. Please consult with an accountant, attorney, or other professional advisor when making decisions regarding your estate planning.

THE SPIRITUAL MEANING OF MONEY

By Very Reverend Andrew Kemberling, V.F., International Catholic Stewardship Council Board Member

We live in a world that has lost the meaning of holiness. Secular values are pushing God out of our daily lives. Stewardship Spirituality reclaims what is holy. What does it mean to be holy? Holiness means to be set apart for the work of God. People, places, things, and events can be set apart for the work of God. The two requirements are that they need to be precious and worthy.

To be precious is to be rare and special, hard to get, and valuable. Since gold is a precious metal, it is naturally used to create holy objects. But just being made of gold is not good enough; it must be worthy. Worthiness talks of purity, integrity, and goodness. Healing and cleaning bring about worthiness. This is where we focus upon money. Money is not evil in itself. It is the love of money that is evil. Money can actually be seen as being holy. Money that is set apart for the work of God is part of the formula. Money is precious when it is seen as being the first and the best by the one giving it. The worthiness that is required is when the gift of money is purified by the religious intention of giving the gift as an act of worship. Giving a tithe in the context of the offering at mass is a good example.

The biblical foundation for tithing is solid. The vast biblical teaching on wealth and charitable giving can be found by reconciling the Old and the New Testaments. Parts of the Law of Moses were relaxed by Jesus, while other parts were either fulfilled or affirmed. A good example is the biblical practice of tithing.

The parts of the law that dealt with dietary restrictions were done away with openly by Jesus in his ministry. That is why we can eat pork, cheeseburgers, and bacon. The requirements for animal sacrifices were fulfilled by Jesus' sacrifice upon the cross. Tithing, on the other hand, is a teaching that Jesus openly affirms and tells us to do. This is a practice that we are asked to observe even to this day.

Jesus clearly says that we are not to overlook tithing. Tithing, therefore, is a biblical truth. The biblical understanding of tithing



comes from the idea that God gives us everything in which to live. God made us with the need to give. That is why we have a need to give before giving to a need. The tithe is the first tenth of the produce of the land. It satisfies our need to give. In a modern understanding we give to God ten percent of our gross annual income. It does not stop there. To make the tithe precious it needs to be the first ten percent, not the leftovers. Our honesty with God will prove our worthiness. Worthiness continues when the gift of money is offered to God as a gift at the sacrifice of the mass. Giving out of gratitude to God is purifying. When money is given this way, money is holy.

The spiritual meaning of money requires that the collection at mass should not compete with fundraisers that reinforce consumerism. Holiness requires that all monetary giving is given at mass so money is seen in a spiritual way. A consumer approach says that they do not get anything out of the mass. My response is, "What do you put into the mass?" When we come ready to give, God is ready to give in return. The Bible tells us to never come to God empty handed. When we reflect on the holiness of our gift, we are invited to reflect upon the holiness of God's gift to us. We move from consumerism to discipleship. When we hear Jesus called the "Lamb of God," we realize that Jesus is the first and the best. In fact Jesus is the only Son of God.

In a world that does not know holiness, stewardship transforms consumerism into discipleship. We learn how to see money as a holy gift to God. People, places, things, and events can be holy. We are all called to holiness. We would hope that our holy gift to God would be a sign of our own holiness. Tithing is a living biblical truth. This is a practice that we are asked to observe even to this day. When we set our money apart for the work of God, we are making God a priority. It is precious and worthy when it is seen as the first and the best given humbly at mass. We in return receive the gift of God himself.

The best place I know where to demonstrate this is in the Gospel of Luke.

It says: "Woe to you Pharisees! You pay tithes on mint and rue and every garden herb, but you pay no attention to judgment and to the love for God. These you should have done without overlooking the others."

Luke 11:42

PERMANENT EXTENSION OF THE CHARITABLE IRA ROLLOVER

Now you can reliably plan your charitable IRA rollover gifts, year after year.

On December 18, 2015, the president signed legislation permanently extending the charitable IRA rollover, making it retroactive to January 1, 2015, with NO EXPIRATION DATE.

A gift that qualifies, technically termed a "qualified charitable distribution," is:

- Made by a donor age 70 1/2 or older at time of transfer
- Transferred from an IRA directly to a public charity, such as the Orange Catholic Foundation
- Completed during the applicable tax year

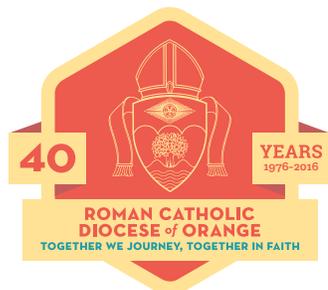
Each individual may give up to \$100,000 per year, every year (\$200,000 per couple).

QUIZ ANSWERS

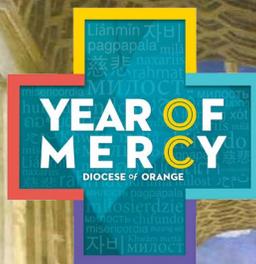
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ANNIVERSARY OF OUR
DIOCESE OF ORANGE
AND BE A PART OF
CREATING THE NEXT 40!**



**BISHOP KEVIN VANN AND THE ORANGE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION INVITE YOU
TO JOIN IN THE YEAR OF MERCY CELEBRATION BY VISITING
THE STATIONS OF MERCY AT CHRIST CATHEDRAL**

Pope Francis has called for a renewed zeal and commitment to doing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy during the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

The Stations of Mercy on the Christ Cathedral campus provide a way to prayerfully reflect on the Works of Mercy as outlined by Pope Francis in the document proclaiming the Jubilee Year, *Misericordia Vultus* [The Face of Mercy]. Each station is dedicated to one of the works of mercy.

We invite you to stop by the docent desk in the Christ Cathedral Cultural Center and pick up a guide which provides a description of each of the stations, a brief reflection and a prayer. Guides are available in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese. Docent hours are Monday-Friday, 10am - 3pm, Saturday 9am - 4pm.