



Faces of Philanthropy

Meet Tom!

What is your role at CFGP?

I am a Project Manager that supports CFGP's partners with their development projects. Currently, I am serving the Little Sisters of the Poor, who house and serve the city's elderly poor at the Holy Family Home in southwest Philly.

How long have you been with CFGP? In that time, what has been your favorite memory?

I have been with CFGP since August of 2020. Sister Veronica, a Little Sister of the Poor, came to our office to visit along with a resident of the Holy Family Home. She also brought us a beautiful statue of the Infant Jesus of Prague and shared how He has positively impacted the home, the residents, and herself. It was a truly graceful moment and illustrative of the cause that I am serving.

Why do you choose to work in the nonprofit sector?

My family's roots run deep in Philadelphia. My ancestors came here from Europe and built their livelihoods here on faith and hard work. Having the opportunity to serve the city and its Catholic missions is both exciting and humbling.

If you could start your own charity, what would be its mission?

I would love to start an organization that helps lift families out of poverty by providing entrepreneurship education. I believe that bolstering the family is the key to healing our society, so the program would get the whole household involved in their education. The aim would be to prepare every family to create a local business that they can bond over, benefit from, and serve others with.

Young Catholic Professionals Chapter Launches in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia

The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia (CFGP) is thrilled to announce its new partnership with the Young Catholic Professionals (YCP). CFGP has awarded a \$25,000 grant from our Ministry Support Fund to YCP so that it can establish a founding chapter within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Together, with the support of Archbishop Pérez, we are privileged to be a part of this launch.

YCP is a national organization that brings together young professionals in their 20's and 30's into a community of encouragement at all stages of their faith journeys. YCP equips them with the tools to live their Catholic faith through everyday work and to perform all work for the glory of God. Currently, YCP has 25 chapters across the country, with 5 others currently underway.

"YCP is doing something that no one or not many others are really focusing on - helping young adults integrate their faith and work lives," said Matthew Davis, Director of the Archdiocesan Office for Ministry with Young Adults. "Bringing YCP to the Archdiocese will provide a new forum for young adults to examine and deepen their faith."

"We feel very fortunate to be involved in bringing YCP to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia," said Sarah O. Hanley, President and CEO of CFGP. "Their work is invaluable to the Church in Philadelphia and to young people of faith both locally and nationally."



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It brings me such joy to be able to share this issue of our newsletter with you. Over the past few months, we have continued to adjust in this ever-changing environment. It's become even more evident to us that our work must continue no matter what. The need for our mission - to drive philanthropy in the Philadelphia Catholic community - never ends. Our team is grateful for the opportunity to continue our work with donors, partners, and friends.

We have been busy working on many impactful projects that I hope you will enjoy learning more about. From building upon current partnerships and beginning new ones, to funding programs that are actively working to grow our faith, our mission has never been more deeply felt. We are thankful for our Board, donors, clients and friends who continue to make our work possible.

Impact: The Parish Stewardship Renewal Program



Last fall, the Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia launched the Parish Stewardship Renewal program in partnership with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The goal of the program was to help parishes overcome the challenges of COVID-19 as it relates to lost income and decreased Sunday offertory collections. In the end, over 37 parish communities participated in this initiative.

As a result, over \$2.25M was raised to help restore lost income during the pandemic, and over \$580,000 was committed annually in future parish offertory. Thank you to all the parishes who participated and everyone who made this special initiative possible.

To see a full list of parishes that participated in the fall phase, or to learn more about this initiative, visit [TheCFGP.org/Covid19/PSR](https://www.TheCFGP.org/Covid19/PSR).

Grants and Newly Established Funds

GRANTS

CFGP's Charitable Fund received many grant requests from parishes for the Summer 2021 grant cycle. We are honored to introduce our most recent grant recipients:

St. Agatha - St. James Parish (Philadelphia) was awarded \$1,000 for their multicultural ministry evangelization efforts.

St. Gabriel Parish (Philadelphia) was awarded \$5,000 for their custom, three-part St. Gabriel Evangelization Project.

St. Jude Parish and Shrine (Chalfont) was awarded \$1,000 towards speakers and seminars to support and evangelize the parish community and surrounding areas.

FUNDS

CFGP is eager to announce our new Urgent and Capital Needs Grant Cycle that is kicking off this fall. We hope this new initiative helps us to best serve our local Catholic community. For more information, visit [TheCFGP.org/grants](https://www.TheCFGP.org/grants).

We are excited to announce that we have four new funds accepting donations from CFGP donors and friends!

Saint Bede the Venerable Parish Fund - Supports the projects and programs of Saint Bede the Venerable Parish in Holland, PA

The Fund for De Sales - Supports the projects and programs for Saint Francis de Sales Parish in Philadelphia, PA.

Michael the Archangel Ministry Fund - Supports pastoral care and other support services such as suicide prevention for Philadelphia Police Officers, both active and retired.

Saint John Vianney Fund for Retired Priests - Supports our aging and infirm priests throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia by ensuring that they receive assistance and care during retirement.

Catholic Leadership Speaker Series: Promoting and Implementing Core Values in the Workplace



On April 21st, Christopher Franklin, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Essential Utilities, Inc., was our second virtual Catholic Leadership Speaker Series special guest speaker. He discussed what it is like to run a highly successful enterprise that focuses on delivering excellent service, acting as stewards of the environment, enhancing economic development, and making charitable contributions. Christopher also shared about his company's core values, how he implements compassion and stewardship into his company's culture and the importance of diversity both in the workplace and through company partnerships.



We are grateful for Christopher's time and thank him for sharing his story with the many guests who attended the event. To watch the recording, please visit [TheCFGP.org/events](https://www.TheCFGP.org/events).
Our next virtual event in the series took place on Thursday, October 14, 2021 and featured Dr. James Smith, Jr., CSP, President and CEO of Dr. James Smith, Jr. A recording of this event is available to watch at [TheCFGP.org/events](https://www.TheCFGP.org/events).

Any individual, parish, or Catholic organization can create a fund with CFGP. These funds secure bright futures for the missions you care about most. To create a fund, or donate to any of our existing funds, visit www.TheCFGP.org/Giving.

#iGiveCatholic has returned to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia!

Celebrated annually on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving, Black Friday, and Cyber Monday, #iGiveCatholic is a Giving Day that kicks off the charitable season and brings the Catholic community together to give thanks and give back. As the U.S. Catholic Church's Giving Day was created to celebrate our unique Catholic heritage, #iGiveCatholic inspires faithful stewards to "Give Catholic" on #GivingTuesday, a global day of philanthropy. The goal of #iGiveCatholic is to rally our Catholic community in support of our parishes, schools, and ministries.

In 2020, CFGP brought #iGiveCatholic to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for the first time. We were fortunate to have had an incredibly successful first year, with 101 organizations registered and over \$1.1M collectively raised! This year's #iGiveCatholic will take place on November 30, 2021.

Parishes, Schools, Organizations and Ministries: We encourage all Catholic entities in our region to register for the 2021 #iGiveCatholic. To sign up, visit Philadelphia.iGiveCatholic.org before the registration deadline on November 3rd.

For donors and supporters, please consider directing your generosity this November to one of the many organizations participating in #iGiveCatholic. Giving can take place beginning November 15th through November 30th. Visit Philadelphia.iGiveCatholic.org to donate.

