**Planned Giving and Alternative Giving Bulletin and Website Posts**

**Tax Free Charitable Distribution**

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**Are you 59 ½ or more in 2021?** Under the CARES Act an individual can elect to deduct 100% of their Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) for **cash charitable contributions**. This means individuals over 59½ years old can take a cash distribution from their IRA, contribute the cash to a qualified charity, and may completely offset tax attributable to the distribution by taking a charitable deduction in an amount up to 100% of their AGI for the tax year.

**Annuity Investment that Gives a Tax Break Too!**

A Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) is a legacy gift made through the Catholic Foundation that can provide you with a secure source of fixed payments for life. By making a gift of cash, property or other asset to establish a CGA, you establish fixed payments from the CGA for life, receive a charitable deduction, and are able to name your parish, a Catholic school or your favorite Catholic ministry as beneficiary at the time it is set up. For more information, please contact the Catholic Foundation at foundation@dosp.org or 727.374.0220.

**Donor-Advised Funds – Another Smart Way to Give!**

A Donor-Advised Fund is ideal for those that need a tax break now but aren’t sure which charities they want to support or how much they would like to give. Funds placed in a new Catholic Foundation Donor-Advised Fund are deductible immediately. The donor can then decide over time what grants will be given to qualified 501(c)(3) organizations that comply with the USCCB guidelines. A DAF is also an excellent tool to add to your estate plan. For more information, please visit [www.cfdaf.org](http://www.cfdaf.org) or contact the Catholic Foundation at cfdaf@catholicfoundation.org or 727.374.0220.