

KBRA Affirms Rating for Catholic Financial Life, Revises Outlook to Positive

NEW YORK (December 3, 2021) – Kroll Bond Rating Agency (KBRA) affirms the A- insurance financial strength rating (IFSR) for Catholic Financial Life (CFL). The Outlook has been revised to Positive from Stable.

The change in Outlook from Stable to Positive reflects favorable growth trends in CFL's surplus and risk-adjusted level of capitalization which compare favorably to peers, underpinned by demonstrated, consistent profitability and operating margins. Further, CFL has maintained generally balanced reserves while executing on its strategy to grow life sales which prioritizes the long-term financial strength of the organization. Significant spread compression has generally been avoided without sacrificing asset quality across the near-term.

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- <u>KBRA's Framework for Incorporating ESG Risk Management in Credit Ratings</u>
- <u>Cybersecurity and Credit Risk</u>

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