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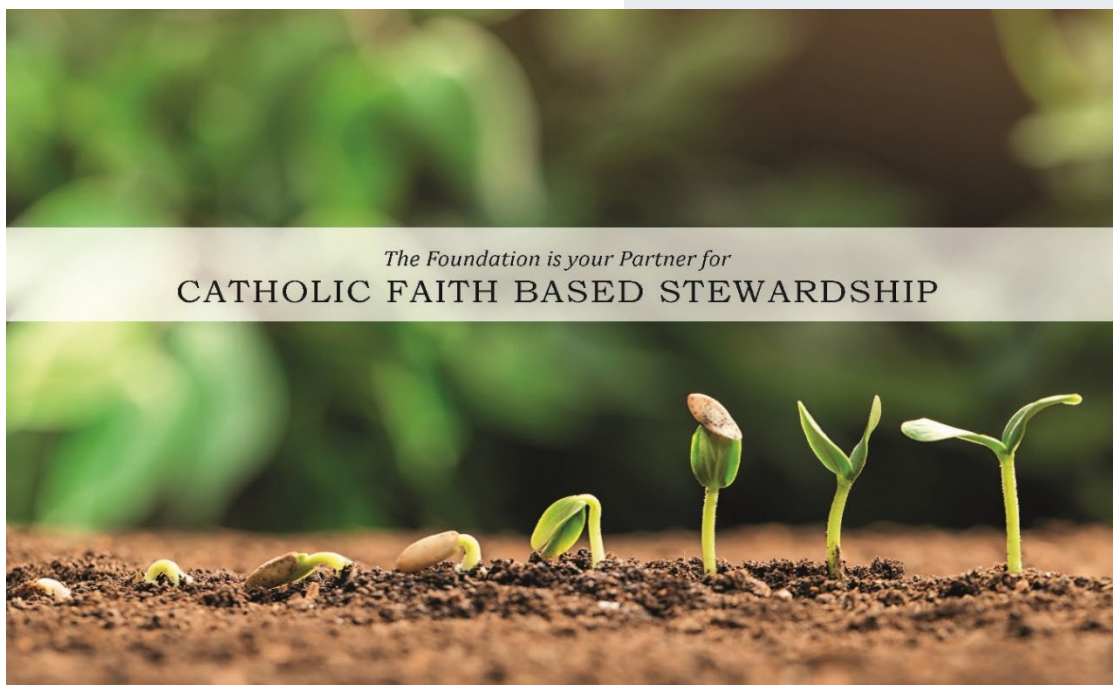
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As we approach the end of another blessed year, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support for The Foundation of the Diocese of Raleigh.

Your generosity to the *Seminarian Partnership Program* has directly supported the spiritual and educational formation of our seminarians studying at 5 seminaries across the country and your gifts to *Home Mission Society* has helped increase the funds to assisted rural parishes in building churches.

For those you who are still considering a seasonal gift, we invite you to visit our [website](#) for information on the [Seminarian Partnership Program](#) and [Home Mission Society](#). Your donation would greatly help us further our mission of growing and gathering assets to ensure a strong vibrant Diocese today and for generations to come.

We are grateful for your generosity and pray that the Lord will continue to bless you abundantly.

MERRY *Christmas* and
Happy New Year!

GRATEFUL FOR OUR GIVING TUESDAY DONORS



We are incredibly thankful for your generosity to the **Home Mission Society** on Giving Tuesday. Because of you, and the blessing of a matching gift from an anonymous donor, we are thrilled to share that we **met** our Giving Tuesday goal!

May God's blessings be upon you and your family this holiday season.



YEAR-END GIVING

The Foundation of the Diocese of Raleigh supports the Catholic ministries, parishes, and schools throughout the Diocese. We are dedicated to promoting stewardship of gifts and ensuring they meet the needs of the community, and to maintaining the sustainability of our parishes and schools. In contributing to funds managed by both The Foundation & the Diocese, donors have the assurance of positively impacting countless lives in the local community.

When discerning your year-end giving, please consider one of the following popular options:

1. *Direct Donations*: You can contribute directly to The Foundation online using a credit card, or by mailing us a check – being sure to outline where you would like your contribution to be directed.

2. *Stock Gifts*: Giving a gift of publicly traded stock can be beneficial to you. If the stock has appreciated in value, you avoid paying the capital gains tax that would be due if you sold the stock. Plus, you can deduct the full fair market value of the stock on your income taxes.

3. *Planned Giving*: Consider leaving a legacy gift through your estate. [Wills, bequests](#), and living trusts allow you to give to the Foundation in the future. This can reduce estate taxes while making a significant impact on the future of the Diocese and its ministries.

4. *IRA/QCD*: Finally, if you are age 70½ and older and have a traditional IRA, you can consider a special tax benefit available with your account: directing up to \$100,000 [of Qualified Charitable Distributions](#) (QCDs) in 2023 to operating charities (excluding donor-advised funds) tax-free.[§] While withdrawals from traditional IRAs are taxable income, QCDs are not. QCDs can also be used whether you take the standard deduction or itemize deductions but note that you cannot claim a tax deduction for a QCD.*

§§Operating charities, or qualifying public charities, are defined by Internal Revenue Code section 170(b)(1)(A). Donor-advised funds, supporting organizations, and private foundations are not considered qualifying public charities.

*Lund, C & Adams, H. (Sept. 8, 2023). *Determining what to give to charity at year-end*. Retrieved from [2023 Year-End Giving Strategies | Schwab Charitable Donor-Advised Fund | Schwab Charitable](#)

A Christmas message from the Executive Director



"A Christian steward is one who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord".

*A Pastoral Letter on Stewardship, Tenth Anniversary Edition
United States Catholic Conference of Bishops*

DON'T FORGET TO FOLLOW US ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS – LINKS ARE BELOW!

