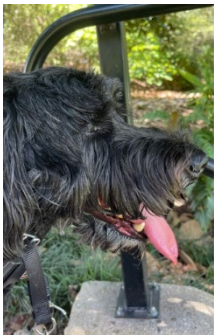


STEWARDING YOUR LEGACY

Sharing & Growing Your Gifts

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dawn M. Stark



Being new to Raleigh has been an incredible journey of discovery. Recently, on a walk with Aggie, I stumbled upon the beautiful Pullen Park, a gift to the city by the visionary Richard Stanhope Pullen in 1887. It amazed me to think that over a century ago, Pullen recognized how a park could not only provide joy but also attract new business and growth to Raleigh. This is what I love about the work of philanthropy—how individuals who share the treasures God has given them can create a lasting impact on

their communities. It's inspiring to witness such generosity, and it fuels my passion for ensuring that every gift is used for the greater good.

As I've been traveling around the Diocese, meeting with Priests, Principals, and Development Officers, I've been equally inspired by the countless stories of philanthropy happening right here in our community. These conversations, especially about ensuring that donor intentions are honored through their endowments, remind me of the deep responsibility we have in this work.

As the Diocese of Raleigh celebrates its centennial, it's clear that the visionary dreams of Richard Stanhope Pullen and Fr. Thomas Price still resonate today. Their legacies, rooted in a shared commitment to growth and faith, have shaped our Diocese into the vibrant community it is now. As we celebrate 100 years, we are not just reflecting on the past but are also setting the stage for the next century, ensuring that the Diocese continues to thrive for generations to come. Let's embrace this moment as an opportunity to be the visionaries of our time, investing in a future that honors our faith and strengthens our community.

Sincerely,
Dawn M. Stark



RITE OF CANDIDACY MASS

On the evening of Thursday, August 8, Bishop Luis Zarama celebrated a *Mass of Candidacy* at St. Peter Catholic Church in Greenville. This special Mass marked a significant step for Keegan Moloney, a seminarian at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, as he publicly declared his intention to receive Holy Orders. Bishop Luis, in his homily, highlighted how God's work is often revealed in unexpected ways, a theme that resonated with the changes surrounding this year's Mass. He expressed joy at being surrounded by the parish community, who had come together to support Keegan. The bishop's words underscored the importance of communal involvement in the formation of seminarians, emphasizing that the journey to priesthood is one walked not just by the individual but by the entire Church. In Keegan's case, the support from his parish, combined with the financial assistance from the [Seminarian Partnership Program](#), exemplifies the collaborative effort required to nurture vocations and sustain a vibrant Diocese in the years to come.



DID YOU KNOW?

WHAT WILL YOUR LEGACY BE?



"Planning ahead secures tomorrow."
Did you know that August is
"Make a Will" month?

THE FOUNDATION
Honoring the Catholic Community of North Carolina

August is "Make a Will Month," a perfect time to take a moment and reflect on the legacy you wish to leave behind.

Creating a will is one of the most powerful steps you can take to ensure that your values, your loved ones, and the causes you care about are cared for according to your wishes.

Benefits of giving through your will include:

- No immediate financial outlay,
- You retain the flexibility to modify your gift at any time,
- Provide a strategy to reduce overall taxable estate, potentially minimizing federal and state taxes.

Working with your Attorney to include a gift in your will or living trust is a simple and convenient way to make a lasting impact. By including parishes, schools, or any Diocesan ministry in your will, you can help ensure that our mission and values continue to thrive over the next 100 years.

In the often-confusing world of planned giving, The Foundation staff is here to help you navigate the journey with confidence and clarity. Please [visit our website](#) for more information and suggested bequest language.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT OUR ADDRESS HAS CHANGED!

If you have an automatic donation established, please contact your organization to change our address to:

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In Memoriam: Remembering Two Beloved Priests of the Diocese of Raleigh

The Diocese of Raleigh mourns the loss of two devoted priests, Monsignor Jeffrey Alan Ingham and Father John Robert Kelly, who both passed away on Monday, July 29, 2024. Their dedication to their faith and service to the Church leaves a lasting legacy in our community.



Monsignor Ingham, a beloved priest of the Diocese of Raleigh for 49 years, passed away peacefully after a courageous battle with cancer. He spent his final days surrounded by friends and his brother priests, united in prayer. Monsignor was an avid supporter of the *Seminarian Partnership Program* and requested donations to the program, in lieu of flowers. Please visit his [in-memoriam](#) page for more information.

Father John Robert Kelly, known affectionately as Father Jack, passed away on the same day, leaving behind a legacy of service, humor, and companionship. A priest for 56 years and a retired U.S. Army officer, Father Jack dedicated his life to both his country and his faith.



A Legacy of Faith and Service

As we remember Monsignor Ingham and Father Jack, we give thanks for their lives and the many ways they served the Diocese of Raleigh. Their dedication to their vocations, their love for the Eucharist, and their care for their communities are examples to all of us.

In this time of mourning, let us come together in prayer and gratitude for the lives of these two remarkable priests. May their souls rest in eternal peace, and may their legacy continue to inspire the faithful in our diocese for generations to come.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**CENTENNIAL
SUNDAY**
100

Honoring Our Centennial,
Gathered as One

Sunday, November 17

**PRAISE GOD
IN HIS HOLY PLACE**
100
A Concert to Rejoice
in Our Centennial
Friday, October 25

**MASS OF THE
FAITHFUL**
100
Honoring a Century of
Our People through Worship
Friday, November 8

CENTENNIAL BALL
PRESENTED BY
CATHOLIC CHARITIES
100
A Toast to Education, Vocations
and Charitable Works
Saturday, November 9

IMPACT OF SCHOOL ENDOWMENTS

As summer fades and students eagerly return to the classroom, we're reminded of the vital role that education plays in shaping the future of our community. This time of year, is not only about the excitement of a new school year but also an opportunity to highlight the incredible impact that endowments have on our Catholic schools.

At **Immaculata Catholic School** in Durham, we see every day how your generosity transforms lives.



Additional educational support made possible by funds from Endowments such as the *Sean & Carol Reilly Scholarship Endowment*, can help to keep students in Catholic education. Take Daniel, for example. He's been part of the Immaculata community since Pre-Kindergarten, a journey made possible by the dedication of his parents and the incredible support of donors like you. Daniel's family has made tremendous sacrifices to ensure their three children receive a Catholic education, firmly believing

that with God at the center of their lives, anything is possible. Their deep love for both our church and school is evident in their actions—they are always the first to step up and serve whenever volunteers are needed. Through God's grace and donor support, Daniel and his sisters have been able to thrive at Immaculata, receiving an education that not only challenges their minds but also nurtures their faith.

Stories like Daniel's are a testament to the profound impact that your contributions have on our school community. Your generosity doesn't just provide tuition assistance; it strengthens the fabric of our community, allowing families like Daniel's to fully engage in the life of the Church and school.

Together, we are building a brighter future for our children and our community.

Please contact our office on 919-568-1065 should you have any questions surrounding starting a Legacy gift of your own or concerning how to contribute to an already established endowment.

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



Nonprofit announces largest single investment in Catholic school education history!

Imagine the profound impact of shaping the future—one student, one school, one community at a time.

This vision has become a reality in the Diocese of Gary, Indiana, thanks to an extraordinary \$150 million endowment from the *Dean and Barbara White Family Foundation*. This historic gift, the largest single investment in pre-K-12 Catholic education ever, is set to transform the landscape of Catholic schools in the region, ensuring that every child has access to a high-quality, values-based education.

This visionary gift is a call to action for others who share a passion for Catholic education.

Just like the example above, *The Foundation of the Diocese of Raleigh* has several donors with a similar visionary approach, which demonstrates how targeted philanthropy can create lasting change, inspiring a new era of support for Catholic education and setting a powerful example for future investments.

A few Diocesan schools are fortunate to have had similar endowment funds established to facilitate the expansion of academic and Faith filled programs, extracurricular activities, and technological advancements – enriching students' overall learning experiences. Other benefits of some of these endowments also extend to covering operating costs, teachers' salaries and facilities management are also supported in many of our schools.



Brug and Howie Jung Endowment Fund, providing tuition assistance to students at Cardinal Gibbons High School.

Sean and Carol Reilly Scholarship Endowment Fund supporting multiple elementary schools in the Diocese.

