

# THE FOUNDATION

Serving the Catholic Community of Eastern North Carolina

## STEWARDED YOUR LEGACY

Sharing & Growing Your Gifts

### FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*Dawn M. Stark*

I know you will join me in continued prayers as the Diocese of Charlotte works to assist in restoring the spirit of those affected by Hurricane Helene. The devastation to the western part of our state is heartbreaking and yet inspiring to see the human spirit rally for the betterment of God's people.

My team recently experienced the *International Catholic Stewardship Council Conference (ICSC)* in New Orleans. As a leader, I am always a proponent of professional growth and development. We learned so much about the great work we are currently doing at The Foundation, and additional ways we can support our Diocese to better serve you. We bonded with our colleagues in the Charlotte Diocese and expanded our professional networks of colleagues. Stay tuned as we form *Wine & Will* evenings and *Giving Circles*.

As we approach [National Estate Planning Week](#), we look forward to educating the faithful about ways to include their parishes, schools and favorite Diocesan ministries in their long-term plans, in order to leave a legacy. If we can come to your Parish and deliver an *Estate Planning Seminar*, please let us know.

If by chance you have included any diocesan entity in your will or estate plans, by your intention you are a member of [The Father Thomas Price Society](#). Each October, we come together in thanksgiving with a Mass hosted by Bishop Luis Zarama. Please let us know if we can include you in our plans.

Finally, we are excited to celebrate the culmination of activities within the Diocese for our Centennial year. We hope to see you at the various events in the upcoming weeks.

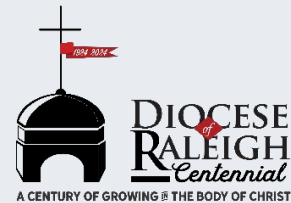
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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**OCT 25**  
7:00PM

**PRAISE GOD IN HIS HOLY PLACE -**  
A Concert to Rejoice in  
Our Centennial  
Tickets required

**NOV 8**  
10:30AM

**MASS OF THE FAITHFUL**  
Honoring a Century of our People  
Through Worship  
Tickets Required

**NOV 9**  
6:00PM

**CENTENNIAL BALL**  
A Toast to Education, Vocations  
and Charitable Works  
Tickets Required

**NOV 17**  
ALL DAY

**CENTENNIAL SUNDAY**  
Honoring Our Centennial,  
Gathered as One  
Celebrated at your local Parish



Don't forget to buy your  
"Best Diocese in the World"  
Swag!



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[DIOCESEOFRALEIGH.ORG/EVENTS/CENTENNIAL](http://DIOCESEOFRALEIGH.ORG/EVENTS/CENTENNIAL)

# NATIONAL ESTATE PLANNING WEEK

October 21 - 27

## Secure Your Legacy, Strengthen Your Faith

As we approach *Estate Planning Awareness Week*, it's a perfect time to consider how planning for the future can benefit both you and the causes that are dear to your heart.

For the faithful of the Diocese of Raleigh, estate planning offers an opportunity to ensure your loved ones are cared for while leaving a lasting legacy that reflects your values and faith.

### Why Estate Planning Matters

Estate planning is not only for the wealthy—it's for everyone!

By creating a thoughtful plan, you ensure that your wishes are honored and that your family is protected. But more importantly, it provides an opportunity to consider the long-term impact of your giving. Many of our parishioners choose to include their parish, school, or diocesan ministries in their plans, allowing them to support the Church even after they've gone home to God.

### How The Foundation Can Help

We are here to guide you through this process, offering expertise and support as you navigate the intricacies of estate planning. We can help answer any questions you may have, from:

- How to include a charitable gift in your will.
- Understanding tax benefits available to you.
- How best to structure your giving to reflect your values and faith.

### In-Person Seminars at Your Parish

This year, we are proud to continue to offer in-person estate planning seminars at parishes throughout the Diocese. These seminars will provide valuable insights on the legal and financial steps you can take to ensure your wishes are met. The seminars are designed to demystify estate planning and empower you to make decisions that benefit both your family and your faith community.

We invite you to take advantage of this opportunity during *Estate Planning Awareness Week* to start—or continue—planning for your future. Contact *The Foundation of the Diocese of Raleigh* for more information or to schedule a seminar at your parish.

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**Together, let's ensure your legacy is one of generosity, faith, and service.**

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## Making a Charitable Bequest in your Will



Your will or trust provides reassurance that your loved ones will be cared for, your assets will be allocated according to your wishes, and your gifts to the causes you care about reflect your personal values — leaving lasting legacy.

### Benefits of a Will Bequest:

- ✓ your assets remain in your control during your lifetime.
- ✓ you can modify your bequest if your circumstances change.
- ✓ You can specify your bequest to ensure your gift is used as intended.
- ✓ You can have the peace of mind knowing that your bequest will support the Diocese in the way you intended.



FATHER THOMAS F. PRICE  
CATHOLIC HERITAGE SOCIETY

## Charity is a beautiful gift, let us share our gratitude.

Please let us know if you have been so generous as to include a bequest such as those listed below, in your estate planning.

- I have already included my Parish, my school, the Diocese of Raleigh, an endowment or one of the diocesan ministries in my estate plan.  
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- I intend to include my Parish, my school, the Diocese of Raleigh, an endowment or one of the diocesan ministries in my estate plan.  
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- I would like information on how to include my Parish, my school, the Diocese of Raleigh, an endowment or one of the diocesan ministries in my estate plan.