

THE FOUNDATION

Serving the Catholic Community of Eastern North Carolina

STEWARDING YOUR LEGACY

Sharing & Growing Your Gifts

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Welcome

Welcome to our introductory eNewsletter! We have been busy growing our team at The Foundation and are launching a new means of communicating with you on a monthly basis. Over the next couple of months, we will focus in more detail on Diocesan directives, individual ministries, planned giving, and donor stories. You can also keep in touch with us by following us on our social media accounts!

The Foundation was established in 2018 by Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama, to manage the temporal works of the Church across the Catholic Community of Eastern North Carolina. Our goal is to provide for the long-term financial strength of all of the Diocese of Raleigh ministries, parishes, and schools.

With the support and generosity of people like yourself, we can continue with our vision of improving future financial sustainability for the Diocese many programs, organizations and ministries.

What's New

[MEET OUR TEAM](#)

[WAYS WE CAN PARTNER WITH YOU](#)

Learn how we can help guide you to leave a legacy of Love and Faith.

MINISTRIES WE SUPPORT

The Foundation not only provides Planned Giving Advice and Endowment Management, we also provide you with opportunities to support Diocesan Ministries.

WHO IS THE FOUNDATION, AND WHAT DO WE DO?

The Foundation works with a vision of improving future financial sustainability for the many programs, parishes, and ministries of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Raleigh.

Our mission is to build and create Endowment Funds, or other long-term gift vehicles, for our parishes and diocesan ministries. The Foundation adheres to the socially responsible investment guidelines of the United States Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and is grateful for the opportunity to work with donors throughout our Diocese.

We also serve as a Planned Giving resource, providing guidance on ways to experience the joy of giving today while building a lasting faith-based legacy of stewardship and generosity.

Our work is also focused on the following three Diocesan ministries:

[Seminarian Partnership Program](#) – This program provides an opportunity for individuals, families, or groups to financially support our seminarian’s spiritual formation and education. Your prayers are appreciated, as well as your encouragement of young men who might be discerning a vocation to the priesthood.

[Home Mission Society](#) - The ever-expanding Catholic communities in our rural areas, may sometimes be unable to fund their growth on their own. This grant-based program supports construction & expansion expenses for churches and chapels.

[The Land Trust](#) – A demographic study conducted by the Diocese of Raleigh identified the need for multiple land purchases in the next 1-5 years. Donations to the Diocesan Land Trust enables the Diocese to bring their vision into focus, as property acquisition in the identified areas will help with parish growth.

HOW DOES THE FOUNDATION SUPPORT OUR PARISHES & SCHOOLS?



To raise the Church, it takes a Village

The Foundation oversees and manages 150 Endowments on the behalf of individual donors and institutions throughout the Diocese of Raleigh.

We ensure that the corpus is preserved, while a percentage of the income earned is available for use, each year, for the designated beneficiary.

[Current Endowments](#) under management are categorized as benefiting Diocesan initiatives (44), Catholic Charities (4) Parishes (15), Schools, scholarships, and operating expenses (63), NC College Campus Ministries (6), Columbarium’s (12), and Cemeteries (6).

For more information on donating to, or starting an Endowment, please reach out to our office.

Spiritual Reflection

A gift of prayer.

Pope Francis

Pope Francis said that prayer illuminates one’s life, “even in the darkest times, even in painful times” and that through it, Christians are called to become “bearers of joy.”

“This life is the gift that God has given us, and it is too short to be consumed in sadness, in bitterness,” the Pope said. “Let us praise God, simply content that we exist. Let us look at the universe, look at it’s beauty and even look at our own cross and say, ‘You exist. You made us this way, for You.’”