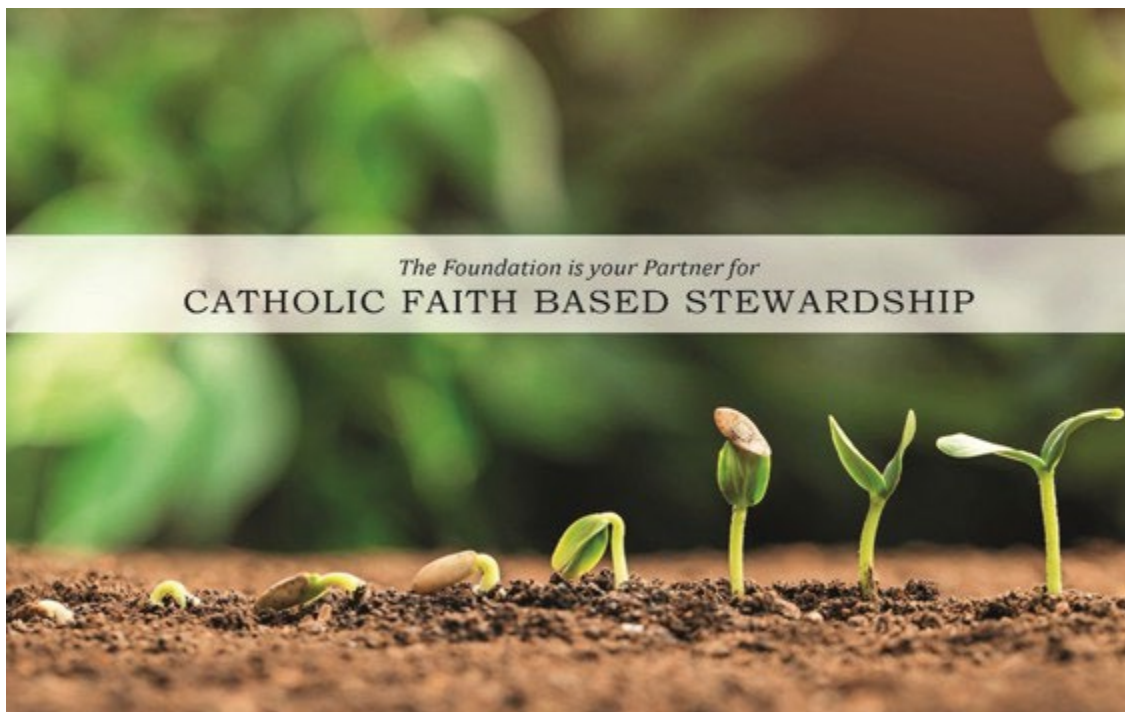


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FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DAWN M. STARK

August is a time when we begin to head back into a more structured routine. Students head back to school; schedules tighten and settling in from summer occurs. I recently attended the All School Mass for all the Faculty and Staff in our Diocese. The energy of teachers and administrators coming off summer was palpable at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral.

Did you know August is National Make a Will Month? As I write this, I'm reminding myself that mine needs updated. My current will was created just before I moved

to Seoul, South Korea. I no longer own the property listed in that estate plan and certainly my philanthropic desires for impact have evolved since 2019.

3 reasons why to make a will...

1. It's an important legal document that everyone should have.
2. It provides peace of mind to you and your family.
3. It lets you create a legacy that lasts beyond your lifetime.

Source: freewill.com

Another advantage of legacy giving through a will is the inspiration it gives to others...

Your legacy gift can encourage family and friends to support charitable causes, creating a ripple effect of generosity.

Already have a will, fantastic! Consider taking 10 minutes this month to look over your will to ensure it is up to date with your current desires.



In the Diocese, we celebrate anyone that has provisions in their estate plans for any Catholic entity whether it's your parish, school, or program that excites you. Please let us know if you have not received the **Save the Date for the Fr. Thomas Price Legacy Society Mass and breakfast**. We want to include you and celebrate with you.

We look forward to continuing to serve. In the past fiscal year, we granted \$2.4 Million to the Diocese, Parishes and Schools, and Catholic Charities. We are proud of the work of The Foundation and look forward to delivering estate planning seminars and working to grow Endowments in support of perpetual care for our Diocese.

Sincerely,

Dawn M. Stark

Endowments in Action: A legacy of faith at work

Of the many endowments The Foundation is blessed to steward, two grants were recently made to provide scholarships to well-deserving students.

The **Fr. Corbin Ketchersid Scholarship** recognizes a student who is active in the parish life at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Fayetteville and plans to obtain a degree in Humanities.

The **Stemple Endowment Fund** supports a student at St. Ann Catholic School, also in Fayetteville, who demonstrates both personal integrity and strong academic achievement. Please read on to learn more about **Aria Wilson** who was the recipient of this year's Stemple Endowment Fund.



Aria Wilson is a native of Houston, Texas, and is the daughter of Major Earl Wilson and Dr. Aliya Wilson. Aria is a rising seventh grader at St. Ann Catholic School in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Aria is an avid reader and has a passion for animals of all kinds. She hopes to develop her love for animals into a career as a veterinarian in adulthood. When not reading, Aria enjoys spending time with her friends, “chilling” with her younger brother, Aren, playing with her dog Ace, drawing, and tinkering with things around the house. Aria has a passion for education and innately sees the good in others. She is excited about the upcoming school year at St. Ann’s Catholic School and looks forward to the intellectual and spiritual growth she will experience.

We offer our most heartfelt congratulations to the two outstanding students who have been selected for these awards. The student's dedication and promise are a shining example to the lasting impact of Catholic endowments at work.

 **Save the Date** 

Estate Planning Seminars

October 4th- St. Ann's in Clayton

October 23rd- Immaculate Conception in Durham

November 5th- St. Joseph's in Raleigh

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, August 15th Holy Day of Obligation



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