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TOGETHER IN FAITH

Happy Summer. I hope this finds you well. I always enjoy the long days of summer when the sun shines and allows us to be outside much longer. Summer gives us time to pause and slow the pace of life just a bit.

Recharge. Reset. Breathe slower.

We closed out another incredible fiscal year June 30th. In next month's newsletter we will share a year in review and highlight an incredible story of a young individual who received a scholarship and how that has impacted his life and his family's life during a challenging time. This is the incredible work of Endowments that are set up purposefully to impact institutions in perpetuity. I enjoy most hearing the direct impact financial investments can have on others.

We hope you enjoy the remaining days of summer.

Sincerely,

Dawn M. Stark

Executive Director

Faces of The Foundation - Board Member Spotlight

Jim De Juneas Board Member



Jim De Juneas retired from corporate life in 2019 as an Area Vice President for the Rhythm Division of Boston Scientific Corporation, Jim transitioned to a career in family farming as owner and operator of Emmaus Orchard in Ashe County, NC.

A member of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Raleigh, NC since 2000, Jim currently serves as a member of the Eucharist Minister team to the Catholic patients at Rex Hospital. He has also served as a volunteer and was a member of the Board of Directors at Hope Reins from 2022-2025.

Jim is blessed to be a husband to Laura, father to Christopher and Ainsley and “Pappy” to Theo, Evie and Levi.

He is humbled and honored to serve Christ, Bishop Zarama and the Catholic Diocese of Raleigh as a board member of The Foundation.

Succession plan begins as the Diocese of Raleigh hires a new CFO, Curt Peters



In January, Dr. Russell C. Elmayan announced the beginning of a transition period for the diocese to find his replacement after 35 years of dedicated service. Recently, Mr. Curt Peters has accepted the role of diocesan chief financial officer.

Curt is a Raleigh-based finance executive and active member of St. Raphael Parish, bringing more than 20 years of leadership experience in financial planning, corporate development, and strategic growth within high-performing public companies. A Senior Director at Enphase Energy, he played a key role in the company's turnaround and expansion into a \$36 billion S&P 500 enterprise, with expertise in long-range planning, capital strategy, and organizational leadership.

Deeply rooted in the local Catholic community, Curt and his wife are raising six children in the Diocese of Raleigh, where they are actively engaged in parish and school life, including service as Eucharistic Ministers and volunteers. His combination of professional financial acumen and lived commitment to the Church positions him well to support the Diocese's mission through faithful and responsible stewardship.

Dr. Russell C. Elmayan remains the canonically appointed Finance Officer pending a future date when the Diocese will formally consult the Diocesan Financial Council and make the transition.

The Foundation will continue to work alongside Russ during this transition and look forward to sharing with Curt Peters, the success we have had over the years since inception.

Did you know?

Anyone that has a legacy gift planned in their estate for a parish, school or any other Catholic ministry within the Diocese of Raleigh is, by nature of your planned generosity, a part of our legacy society,

[The Father Thomas Price Legacy Society.](#)

Annually, we celebrate together with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Luis R. Zarama, followed by a luncheon and guest speaker.

This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, August 22nd at St. Michael the Archangel and invitations have been sent out!

Please help us be sure you are invited by letting us know your intentions - we would love to see you there.

Please email Kelley.karpinski@raldioc.org.

Ask the Foundation...

[What is an Endowment Fund?](#)

An Endowment Fund is a permanent pool of monies intended to exist as long as the charitable purpose of the fund exists, often in perpetuity or forever since many charitable causes will exist in perpetuity - such as the need for Catholic Church communities, Catholic education, service to the homeless or hungry, etc.

Endowment Funds are generally established by donor-restricted gifts and bequests, to provide a source of income in perpetuity or for a specified period of time.

The endowment can be named in honor of a loved one or family legacy. To accomplish this, the fund is intended to grow in assets with only a portion of the interest income to be withdrawn each year for a charitable purpose. The goal is to establish a balance within the fund that can grow forever while also funding the mission of the endowment on an annual basis.

An Endowment Fund should not be confused with a capital fund, a reserve fund, or a special projects fund, all of which generally allow the expenditure of the principal.

Prayer Corner

Dear God, the days are long and the sun is bright. Help me to step out of the rush. Slow my busy heart down. Let me find peace in your shade. Teach me to rest, breathe, and simply be present in this summer season. Amen

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