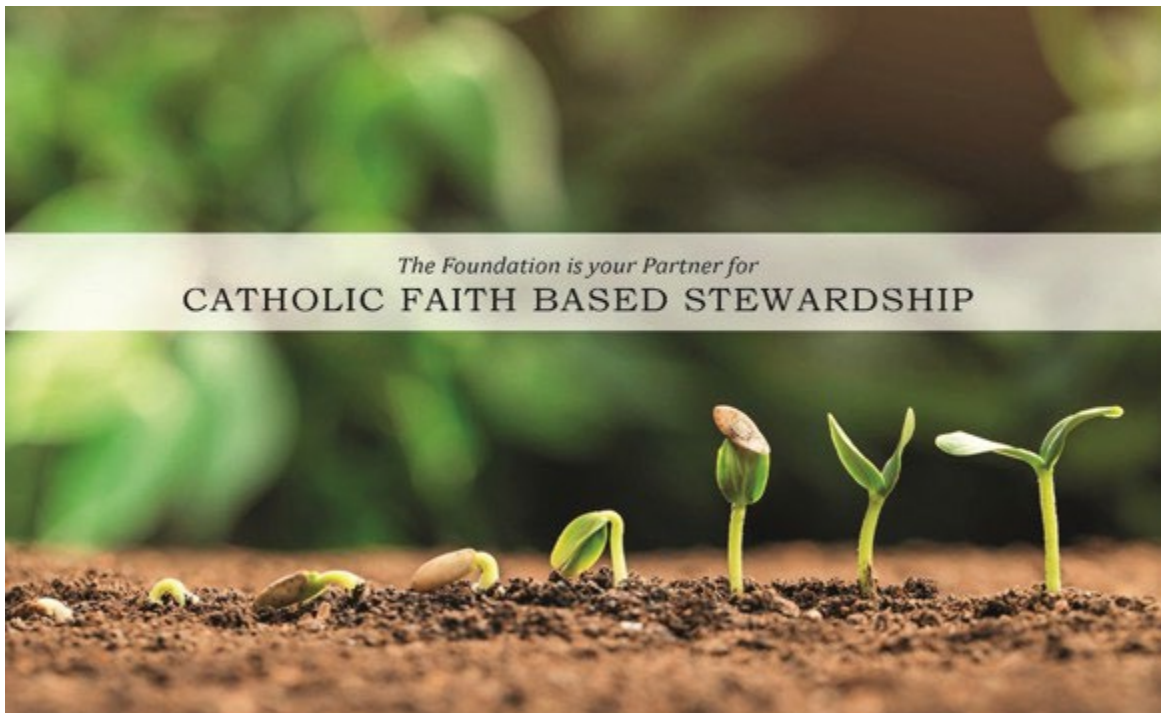

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TOGETHER IN FAITH

The summer months are times of transition. Potentially, a slowing down and time to reflect on the seasons that have passed by. School children transition from a structured schedule, to lazy days of summer at the pool and camps. High school and college graduates, and their parents, transition to unknown territory as the next big chapter lies ahead for them. Some of our parishes are transitioning priest personnel and the newness that comes with those shifts in our diocese.

My recent time away gave me pause to reflect on God's beauty all around me as I embarked on a catamaran trip. Time in the morning with the breeze and sun on

my face, allowed me prayer time taking in nature and beautiful surroundings. And God's sunrises and sunsets reminded me that each day is orchestrated by Him.

And we each have our own personal transitions. Whatever yours may be, my prayer is we continue to take time to spend with God building our relationship and allow Him to carry us through those transitions.

As our team at The Foundation transitions out of a fiscal year and begins a new one, I offer my gratitude for the many blessings of the past year. It has been an honor to work alongside so many of you this past year. We look forward to continuing to serve the needs of the diocese and aligning for future growth of our parishes, schools and ministries throughout.

Sincerely,

Dawn M. Stark

Executive Director



ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD

Before the celebration of Drew Navarro's Ordination to the Priesthood, Fr. Mike Schuetz and Deacon Drew Navarro took time and discussed the adventure of vocation leading up to Drew's priestly ordination. [Watch the video here.](#)

The priestly ordination of Deacon Drew Navarro was held on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral, Raleigh with Bishop Luis Zarama celebrating the Mass:

"Now is the time when you will start to practice what you have been preparing for," Bishop Luis said. "Pope Leo XIV says, 'let the people in and be ready to go out.' It is the way that a priest, if you like to be like Jesus and you become like Jesus, how you

will be, like Jesus who is going out to search for the last sheep and bring to that person who is there, hope. Life in the world today is not easy ... it looks like there is no hope ... that is exactly where the Lord Jesus is calling you to be. Never be afraid of the darkness of the world because your eyes need to be focused on what you discovered and what moved you to sacrifice a lot to be able to be here today.”



Fr. Drew Navarro, Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama, Fr. Michael Schuetz at the priestly ordination of Drew Navarro



Newly ordained priest, Fr. Drew Navarro praying over Bishop Luis



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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. Invitations will be mailed out soon. Please help us be sure you are invited by letting us know your intentions.

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June is traditionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Please take a few moments to read more about the devotion to the [Sacred Heart here](#).



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