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STEWARDING YOUR LEGACY

Sharing & Growing Your Gifts



FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Dawn M. Stark

I am honored to be named the new Executive Director of The Foundation and the Chief Development Officer for the Catholic Diocese of Raleigh. My role serves alongside Bishop Luis Zarama's executive team to create impact for a growing and vibrant Diocese serving Eastern North Carolina.

In my role, I will seek to support Pastors, Principals, Development professionals and Lay volunteers to enhance the work throughout the Diocese. Partnering with donors for impact will be the mission of our team's work.

As the Diocese celebrates its Centennial this year, I want to say thank you and what a great time to be involved. I invite you to join us as we continue to celebrate this monumental moment in time in the upcoming months. Join us for the many events happenings around the Diocese and celebrate along with us.

I look forward to meeting you in person and assisting with your desires to create your own impact, both big and small. Every gift matters.

Sincerely, Dawn M. Stark



RITE OF CANDIDACY MASS

Please join us at 5pm on August 1st at St. Michael the Archangel Church in Cary as Bishop Luis celebrates the Rite of Admission to Candidacy for Holy Orders for one of our seminarians, Keegan Moloney.

As described in the Roman Pontifical, this beautiful ceremony marks the moment when those aspiring to Holy Orders, publicly declare their commitment, demonstrating their maturity and readiness for this sacred vocation. The bishop, on behalf of the Church, will formally accept their intentions.

We warmly invite you to come and support Keegan, offering him your prayers as he takes this significant step in his spiritual journey.

OUR ADDRESS HAS CHANGED!

We wanted to remind you that our new mailing address is now:

The Foundation 7200 Stonehenge Drive Raleigh, NC 27613

IMPACT!

On July 8 of this year, news broke of Michael Bloomberg's new \$1 Billion gift to Johns Hopkins which will essentially make medical school free for most. Bloomberg's reasoning is a dual challenge of declining health and education. This is why there is so much joy in the work we do every day.

When people think of fundraising, it's something they often say they could never do. However, a shift in mindset to imagine being a vessel helps.

Nonprofit organizations, such as ours, strive to ensure the enduring presence of the Catholic Faith in Eastern North Carolina for generations to come. We know that donors, like yourself, have a desire to give back by supporting something that you are passionate about. That may be seminarian formation, Catholic education, Catholic Charities and so many other charitable initiatives. The Foundation serves as the conduit to facilitate these contributions. More specifically, a team of supporters, development professionals, Financial Advisors, and Attorneys all help to orchestrate the connection between the mission and you, the donor. It's pure joy coming together for Impact!

ANONYMOUS BENEFACTOR ENCOURAGES SUPPORT FOR OUR DIOCESE IN CELEBRATION OF THE CENTENNIAL

In celebration of the Centennial of the Diocese of Raleigh, we are excited to announce a generous \$100,000 donation by an anonymous benefactor in support of our Seminarians. This remarkable gift sets the stage for our "100 for 100" Challenge, inviting you to contribute 100 dollars, quarters, nickels or dimes, in honor of our 100 years of faith and service.

Your contribution, big or small, is valued as it enables us to foster the future leaders of our Church. Your support, regardless of the sum, is essential in maintaining our mission. Join us in commemorating this significant milestone and create a lasting influence for the coming century!

"A year of Impact: Thank you for partnering with our Seminarians"

DON'T FORGET TO FOLLOW US ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS – LINKS ARE BELOW!



ENDOWMENT UPDATE

The Foundation of the Diocese of Raleigh has surpassed 170 endowments, representing more than \$81 million, thanks to the generous contributions from donors over the span of 30 years.

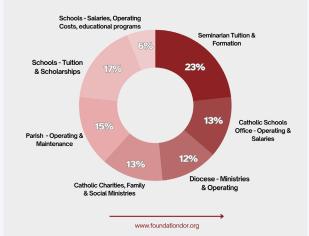
Established in 2018, the Foundation has continued to work closely with parishes, schools, and donors to create endowments that secure the long-term financial stability of the diocese, its ministries, 80 parishes, 29 schools, and other associated organizations.

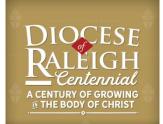
This year, through Donor generosity, The Foundation facilitated the distribution of approximately \$1.8 million that provided for diocesan ministries, education assistance (tuition assistance, teacher salaries, educational programs) and outreach programs to name a few.

This support nurtures a culture of care and assistance, which offer support, professional guidance, and direct delivery of services to and for our people, parishes, schools and communities.

Endowment Distributions FY 2023-2024







THE DIOCESE OF RALEIGH APPOINTS CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER AND ANNOUNCES COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

Bishop Luis Zarama is pleased to announce an important step in a transformative initiative to enhance the Diocese of Raleigh's fundraising and development efforts. Dawn Stark, MBA, CFRE has been named Chief Development Officer of the Diocese of Raleigh and Executive Director of the Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Raleigh.

"We welcome Dawn to our great diocese as part of our growing family of Catholics in Eastern North Carolina," said Bishop Luis.

A comprehensive development review in 2023 resulted in the directive to better centralize and coordinate all development activities to help the diocese manage growth, expand ministries, provide better service to parishes and schools and build better relationships with its generous donors. In addition to coordinating the work of The Foundation, Bishop's Annual Appeal and all major gift fundraising activities, Stark, in the newly created position of Chief Development Officer, will also serve as the Executive Director of The Foundation, beginning July 1. The Foundation retains its status as a separate corporation, independently administrated and audited, and also remains committed to faithfully stewarding the assets in its care according to the intentions of donors and the respective guidelines and governance of its endowments and other assets.

"We are excited to welcome Dawn to Eastern North Carolina and look forward to bringing her experience and leadership to our vision to grow the Church and share God's hope in eastern North Carolina," said Fr. Michael Burbeck, Vicar General of the Diocese of Raleigh and President of the Foundation Board of Directors.

FR. THOMAS PRICE AND THE CATHOLIC LEGACY SOCIETY

As we celebrate the Centennial of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Raleigh, we reflect on the significant milestone of unwavering dedication of clergy and laity who have worked tirelessly to foster spiritual and social development across eastern North Carolina.

Central to the diocese's history is <u>Father Thomas Price</u>, known as the "Tar Heel Apostle." Born in North Carolina, Father Price was the first native-born Catholic priest of the state and cofounded the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, commonly known as Maryknoll. His visionary efforts in evangelization and missionary work left an indelible mark on the Catholic Church, both locally and internationally. Father Price's deep commitment to education, social justice, and missionary zeal continues to inspire the diocese's mission and activities.



Nazareth Orphanage 1912

It started out as a country hill, with a view. Father Price had more than a view, though; he had a vision, and it was more than the small town of Raleigh that he saw.

The hill would be the home of many of God's children, and so he called it Nazareth.

The year was 1899.



In honor of Father Thomas Price's enduring legacy, the Diocese of Raleigh established the <u>Father Thomas Price</u> <u>Legacy Society</u>. This society encourages parishioners and benefactors to support the diocese through planned giving, ensuring the continuation of its vital ministries and programs. By joining the Legacy Society, individuals can contribute to a lasting impact, perpetuating Father Price's vision of faith, service, and community outreach for future generations.