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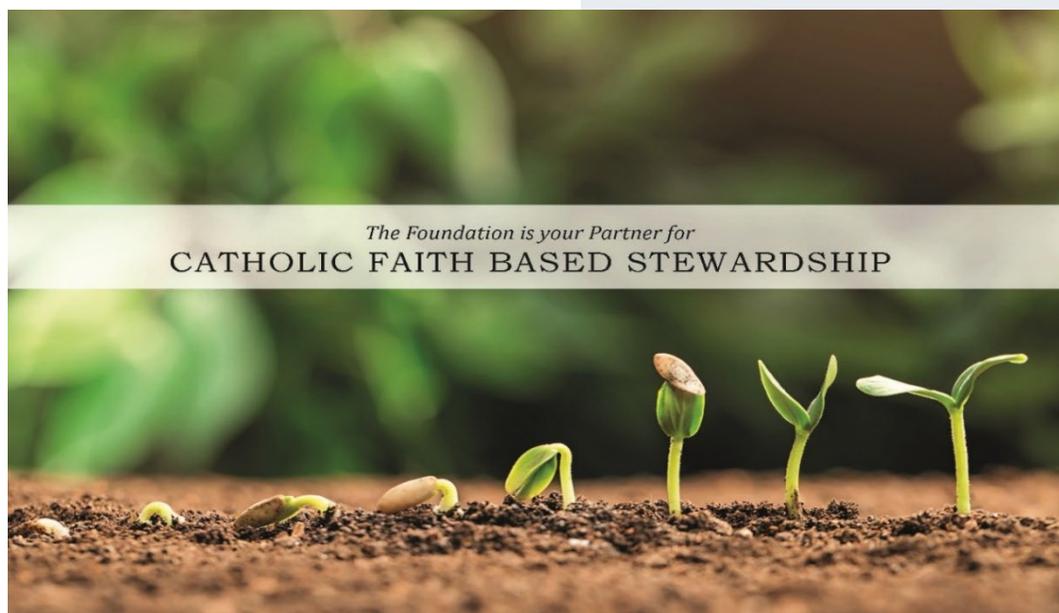
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GOD BLESS FATHER NICOLAS RAPKOCH

In a joyous and sacred ceremony, the Diocese of Raleigh recently celebrated the ordination of a new priest, Father Nicolas Rapkoch!

To be ordained as a priest is a momentous occasion, not only for Father Nicolas, but also for the entire Diocesan community. It is a sacramental act in which a man is consecrated and receives the authority to serve as a representative of Christ, ministering to the spiritual needs of the faithful. Through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, Father Nicolas has become a mediator between God and His people, guiding them in their faith journey, offering spiritual counsel, and celebrating the sacraments.

We invite you to join us in prayer and gratitude for the Ordination of Fr. Nicolas, as he embarks on his sacred vocation. Let us pray that his ministry brings solace to the sorrowful, hope to the despairing, and renewal to all who encounter him.

We also acknowledge the tireless efforts of the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Raleigh in fostering vocations and supporting those discerning the call to the priesthood. Your prayers and encouragement also play a vital role in nurturing future priests and ensuring the ongoing mission of the Church.

GIVING THANKS



On May 22nd, The Foundation, & the Fr. Tighe Golf Committee, hosted the second **Fr. Tighe Memorial Golf Day** at Longleaf Golf and Family Club. Thank you to those that attended the event which benefited the Seminarian Partnership Program.

We were blessed to have 96 golfers, 12 seminarians, and 12 volunteers join us, helping us to raise approximately \$36,000 (net) that will directly fund seminarian education.

Many thanks to all of our sponsors, who helped make the day possible. Visit the event page [here](#), for a list of our wonderful Sponsors, and to see photos from the day.

WHAT IS THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS?

There are seven sacraments or rites through which God can communicate his grace to an individual. They are the Sacraments of Christian Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist), Sacraments of Healing (Penance & Reconciliation, and Anointing of the Sick), and Sacraments of Service (Matrimony and Holy Orders).

Through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, or Ordination, a man vows to lead other Catholics by bringing them the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. He promises to do this by proclaiming the Gospel and by providing to Catholics other means to achieve holiness. In order to be ordained a priest, a man must be first ordained a deacon. It is a sacrament carried out by a bishop, who must lay his hands on the candidate.

Taking Holy Orders is a commitment for life both to God and to the Catholic Church, as the man is given certain powers, including passing on God's forgiveness of sins.

Holy Orders differs from other sacraments as it has three separate stages. It can only be given by a man who has himself undertaken all three rites and has therefore become a bishop.

The three stages of Holy Orders:

- **Being ordained a deacon** - a deacon may baptize, preach, and distribute Holy Communion (but not to transubstantiate it).
- **Being ordained a priest** - a priest is believed to have the power to change bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ (transubstantiation) and to forgive sins.
- **Being ordained a bishop** - only a bishop has the complete fullness of the priesthood, with the power to confirm and to ordain deacons, priests, and other bishops through the sacrament of Holy Orders.

"Seven Sacraments of the Catholic Church", [bbc.co.uk](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zh4f3k7/revision/8)
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SEMINARIAN PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

We are VERY CLOSE to reaching our annual goal!

Thanks to everyone that sent donations in to help us close our gap to Goal! We greatly appreciate your generosity to help fund our seminarians' education as they answer God's call to serve.

If you haven't had a chance to make a donation and would like to help us close our remaining gap of \$15,000, please visit the following link – [Seminarian Partnership Program - The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Raleigh \(foundationdor.org\)](https://www.foundationdor.org).

Please continue to pray for vocations and be assured of our continued prayers for each of you and your intentions.

Thank you for your continued generosity and may God Bless you.

Please contact Donna Ashcraft at The Foundation, should you have any questions regarding the Seminarian Partnership Program. Donna can be reached at Donna@FoundationDOR.org or on (919) 568-1067.

"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you; he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day."

John 6:53-54

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

