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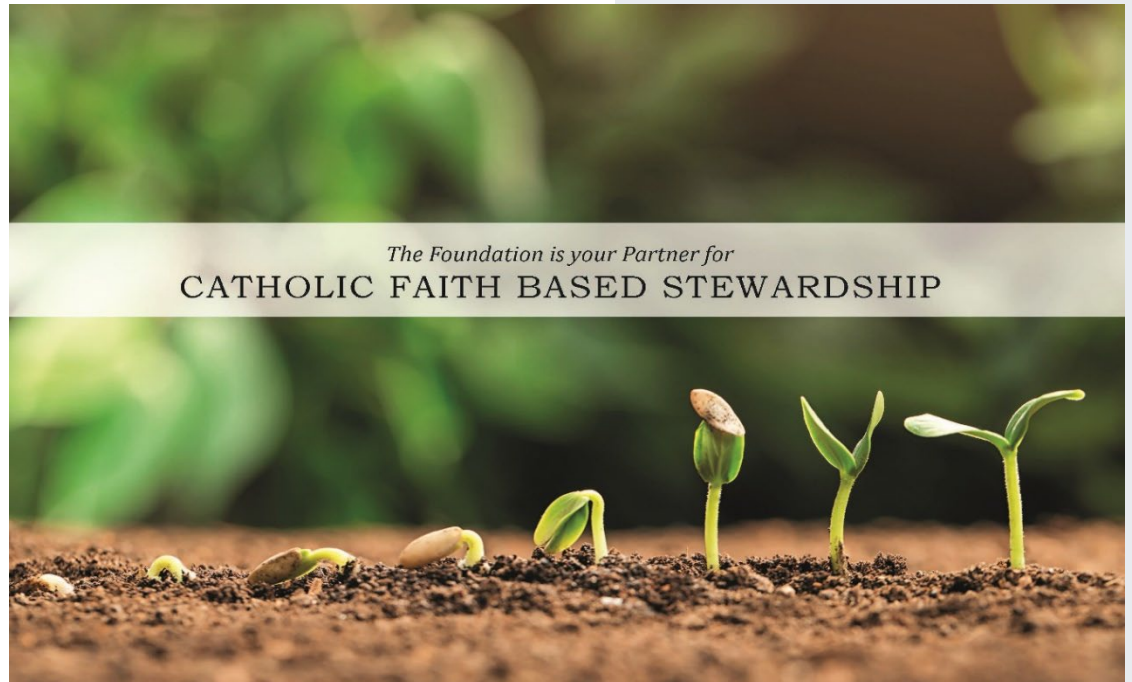
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Furthering God's Kingdom for current & future generations

This month we focus on *The Land Trust*, and why it is important that the foresight of previous generations was fundamental in the expansion of the Diocese of Raleigh, in conjunction with the rapid growth in The Triangle and beyond.

Consistent with this vision, in 2019 the Diocesan Office of Property & Construction conducted a demographic study of anticipated growth. Findings of this study suggested an immediate need for multiple land purchases over the next five years.

The results of that study are the catalyst for the next phase of land acquisition.

THE HISTORY OF THE LAND TRUST

The Land Trust was established in the late 1980's as a result of the sale of property to North Carolina State University. This infusion of capital allowed the Diocese of Raleigh to purchase parcels of land to establish new parishes.

Today we continue to experience significant growth with the Diocese of Raleigh being one of the fastest growing in the country.

THE LAND TRUST

The Diocese of Raleigh is located in one of the fastest growing states in the country and is therefore one of the fastest growing dioceses.

According to the Diocesan Office of Property and Construction the growth projections overlayed on top of the current and expected seating capacity challenges at many of our existing churches, highlights that we need to be purchasing land now for future parishes and schools while it is still available and presumably less expensive than it will be in the future.

The Diocese has been purchasing land for that purpose, with recent purchases in Pittsboro, East Durham, and near Holly Springs, but there are still several areas that will be capacity constrained in the future where land should be purchased for future parishes.

This growth is a blessing, but we have to be proactive in addressing the need for land for new churches, and the current funding in the Land Trust has been exhausted and needs to be replenished.

If you would like to discuss the needs of the Land Trust further, please reach out to Donna Ashcraft, Director of Development at The Foundation at Donna@FoundationDOR.org or call her on 919-568-1067.

Alternatively, if you would like to donate online, please click [this link](#) for more information.



In the most recent issue of the NC Catholics (Nov/Dec 2022), we highlighted the importance of the Diocesan initiatives of the **Home Mission Society** and the **Land Trust**, in the development of the Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church in Louisburg, NC.

Funding through these programs not only provided the resources for the purchase of the land, but also contributed to the money required to build their church.

Our Lady of the Rosary continues to raise funds toward the ongoing expansion of their parish center, to better serve the needs of their community in the years of growth ahead.

In case you missed the article, it can be found on our website blog, or by clicking [here](#).

COMING NEXT ISSUE:

Stewarding Your Legacy through Planned Giving.

"Each of our schools and parishes sit on land that was preserved through the vision and generosity of others who invested to grow the Catholic Faith in North Carolina.

Thank you for considering a gift to the Diocese of Raleigh Land Trust as a similar blessing to future generations of North Carolina Catholics."

Luis Rafael Zarama, J.C.L., Bishop of Raleigh

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