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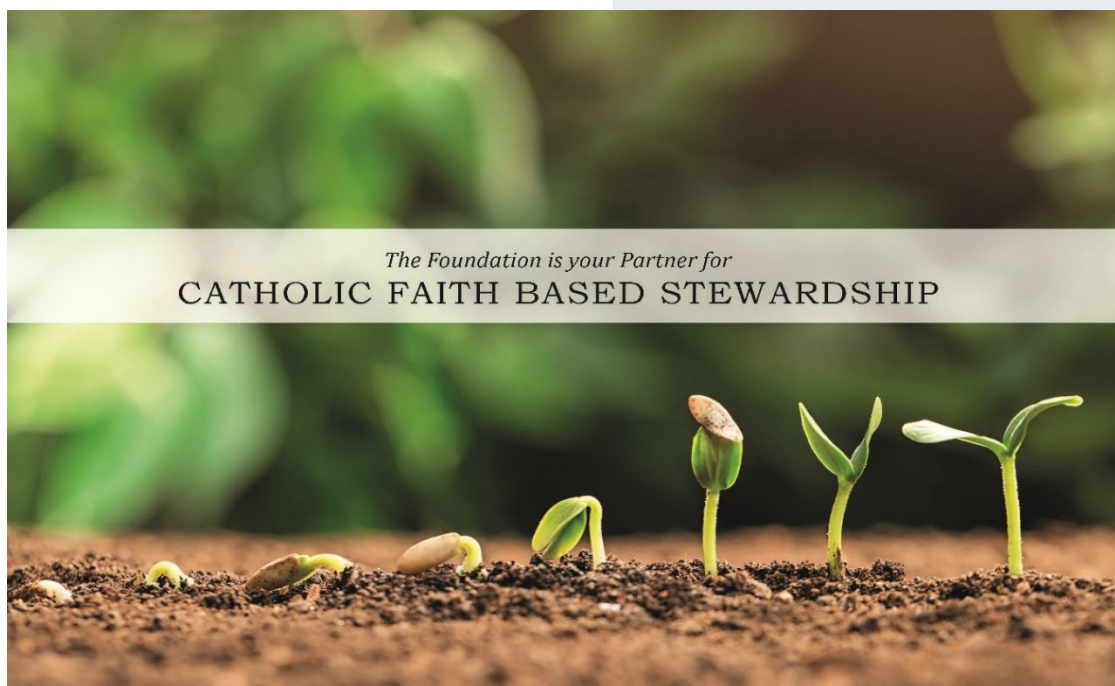
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Building Catholic Churches throughout Eastern North Carolina



This month we focus on the **Home Mission Society**, why it exists and how it assists in building parish churches such as Our Lady of the Rosary, Louisburg (pictured).

As Catholics, we understand that by building a parish church we are providing a community with a spiritual home where we can gather together to celebrate and let Faith live.

Read more at <https://www.foundationdor.org/>.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, LOUISBURG



In September of this year, The Foundation staff visited with long time members of the *Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary* in Louisburg.

Look for an article in the next [NC Catholics](#) magazine to learn more about how the Home Mission Society has helped evangelize a Catholic community!

HOME MISSION SOCIETY

North Carolina's increasing Catholic population has created a need to build new churches and expand existing parishes to serve the faithful. Many locations in eastern North Carolina are home to immigrant and working-class Catholics who are currently unable to fully fund construction of structures that can accommodate their growing population.

The Home Mission Society is a grant program that was created to assist small parishes with construction and furnishing of rural churches in the Diocese of Raleigh. For many decades, the Diocese depended on the Catholic Extension Society and other outside sources to provide grants to assist in building churches in mission or rural areas. Today, the Catholic Extension Society no longer provides funding due to our growth.

In 2007, Bishop Michael F. Burbidge established the Home Mission Society with the purpose of partially funding construction and furnishing of churches in remote and under-served areas in eastern North Carolina.

Since its inception, the Home Mission Society provided grants to four churches for new construction: St. Mary of the Angels (Mount Olive), San Isidro (Fayetteville), Our Lady of the Rosary (Louisburg), and St. Joseph the Worker (Warrenton). These grants have allowed these parishes to serve and nourish the catholic community.

Frequently these parishes show their gratitude by making donations to the Home Mission Society, so other parishes can benefit from the generosity shown to them.

[A donation to the Home Mission Society](#) supports the Gospel mandate to *proclaim the Good News to all ends of the Earth.*



On Tuesday October 25, The Foundation hosted the 10th annual [Fr. Thomas F. Price Catholic Heritage Society](#) Mass & Luncheon. Bishop Zarama celebrated Mass and after was joined by approximately 40 members for lunch, where they heard a little of Fr. Price's North Carolina story from guest speaker Father Chris Koehn.

Each year The Foundation celebrates donors who have remembered the Diocese, their Parish, or a Diocesan ministry in their Estate Plans. If you have made such a gift, please call The Foundation office on 919-568-1065 or visit our website www.foundationdor.org.

Alternatively, as a benefactor, we invite you to [join the Father Thomas F. Price Catholic Heritage Society](#) and to Save the Date of October 24, 2023 for our next Mass and Luncheon.

For more information about The Foundation or to read September & October's Digital Newsletters, please visit the Foundation website. Please click [here](#).

"I ask for your prayers and support of the Home Mission Society, so that we can continue the dream of establishing a strong Catholic community in eastern North Carolina."

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

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