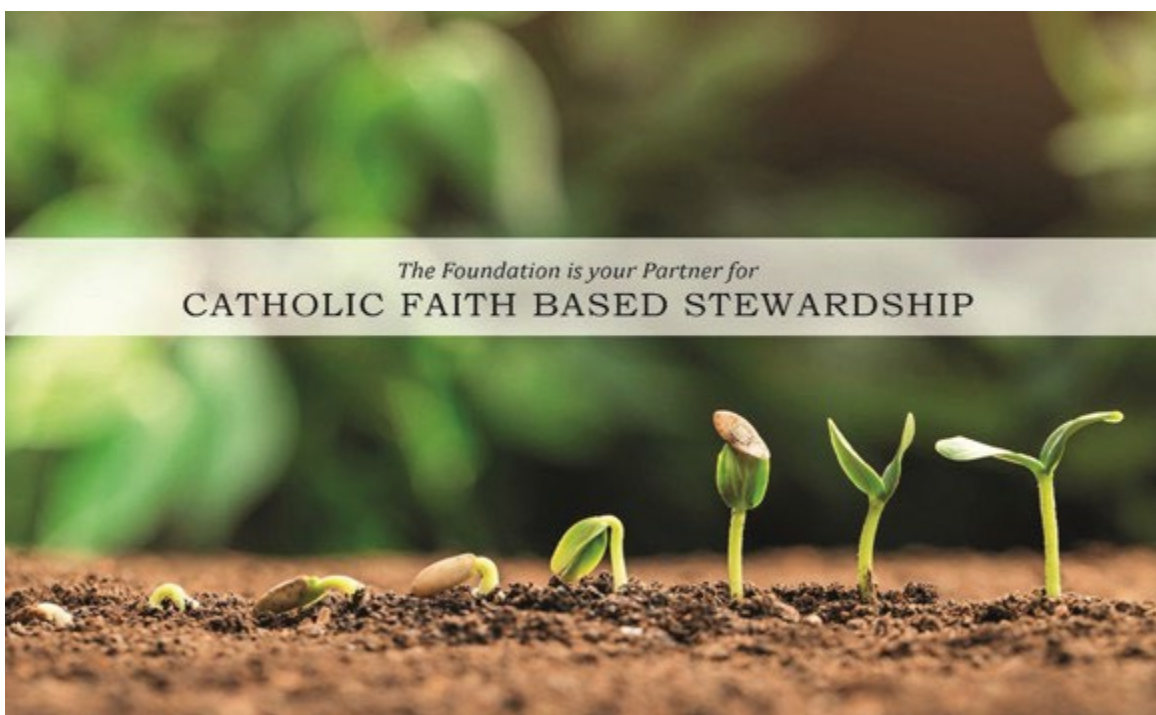


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TOGETHER IN FAITH

Recently, I felt my soul say, “go to the woods.” I listened and grabbed Aggie and took her to the woods behind our home. To be honest, I don’t love winter. It was a sunny day, but it was cold. When the daylight ends around 5:00 it tends to depress me versus the long days of sunshine and being outdoors more in the summer months.

On this day, as I looked out over the woods, I grumbled under my breath, “I hate winter” because the woods just looked so different. It was bare. It was bleak. I could see all the way through. As I found my log to sit on, it was there that God spoke to me through nature. I had an overwhelming sense of gratitude for the bare woods. It was beautiful because it was being pruned. The open space, the bareness, was the pruning that needed to occur for new life to arrive soon.

This is so true in our own life. We need to prune in the new year. Evaluate what is serving us and what may need to shift, in order for newness to occur. We often do not know what new life will come, but as I age, I learn, I do not need to know, I need to trust. God is working in all of us and my prayer is we stay open to the pruning God will do this winter, for new fruits in the spring.



Sincerely,

Dawn M. Stark

Executive Director

Women's Lenten Reflection

After two successful years of hosting, we realized we wanted to welcome more women to attend our Women's Lenten Reflection. Please join us in **March** (date and time to come later) for the Women's Lenten Reflection, which brings us together for a daytime gathering of prayer and reflection during the sacred season of Lent with guest speaker Anne Trufant.

Anne weaves music, humor, and common life experiences together to bring faith to life. A wife, mother of 7, speaker, and musician, Anne has been a retreat leader both in the US and abroad. Originally from Louisiana, Anne received her master's in social work at LSU and helped found Hosana House, a home for unwed mothers in Baton Rouge, LA. (Anne was privileged to work with Mother Teresa, who later took over Hosana House.) Anne is the founder of The Mission on the Mountain, a ministry to teach, equip, activate, and launch anyone who wants to grow in their faith through dynamic retreats and online teachings.

“Let nothing disturb you; God alone suffices.”

Fr. Thomas Price Legacy Society

Individuals who have made estate provisions but were not included in this past year's celebration are encouraged to contact Kelley Karpinski at kelley.karpinski@raldioc.org to be included in the future.



Upcoming Estate Planning Seminars

10:00am-11:30am

6:30pm-8:00pm

Community Wellness Fair

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Take part in St. Francis of Assisi's first Community Wellness Fair and discover resources to support your mind, body, and spirit. With more than 40 local vendors, this event offers practical tools, expert guidance, and supportive services for all ages.



Catholic Schools Week - We celebrate our schools

January 25-31

“Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community.” Catholic schools have an irreplaceable role in the Church’s evangelizing mission. Building on the central goal of Catholic schools to form saints, Catholic schools teach and embrace the whole person, body, mind and spirit. The fact that all members of a Catholic school community share the Christian vision of faith that Christ is the foundation of Catholic education is what unites the school as a faith-filled community.

Through God’s providence and your generous and gracious support, The Foundation is blessed to steward **66 endowments** dedicated to the ongoing support of Catholic Schools – the students, the teachers, the facilities.

We invite you to view the [list of endowments](#) on The Foundation website.

Tax Letters

As we begin 2026, please be on the lookout for your tax acknowledgment letter for gifts made in 2025. We are deeply grateful for your generosity and faithful support of our mission.
