



DONUT SUNDAY IS BACK!

We will have donuts, coffee and fellowship outside after all 10 am Masses this summer! **How can you help? Volunteers are needed** to host each week, everything you need will be provided for you! It's an excellent way to meet others in our Parish and welcome visitors to our Church! Sign-up and instruction sheets will be in the Vestibule.



We're looking for helping hands and willing hearts to serve in our church community! Whether you have a little time or a lot, there's a place for you.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
WEEKDAY LECTORS
GREETERS

ALTAR SERVERS
CHOIR MEMBERS
MINISTERS TO THE HOMEBOUND

Serving is a wonderful way to connect, grow, and make a meaningful impact. Sign up today or call the church office for more details. We'd love to have you be part of the team!

**OCIA starts Friday August 14th at
3:00 pm in the Parish Office.**

**We will have our Introductions and will be featuring a Tour of
the Church and the purpose of the different items.**



PREPARATIONS FOR A NEW PARISH DIRECTORY

Thank you to those who have offered your time with this project. If you have any pictures of past activities that have happened here at St. Margaret, please send them in to SMOS@rcdoc.org!! We would love to include them in the directory.

MY DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

What a gift it is to witness the outpouring of faith across our growing Diocese of Charlotte. In every parish, school and ministry, I see how God is blessing us with new opportunities to deepen our discipleship and share His love with others. My pastoral vision for our diocese – informed by all of you – sees us simply as a place where **everyone so loves Jesus, we share Him with others.**

Rooted in timeless truth, this vision now presses upon us with greater urgency. Long before our diocese existed, faithful men and women stepped forward in trust. They built St. Joseph Church in Mount Holly and founded Belmont Abbey College. Their courage planted seeds of faith that have flourished far beyond what they could have imagined. We now inherit this beautiful vineyard, cultivated by those before us and entrusted to our care today. Since our founding in 1972, our diocese has grown from 35,000 to more than 575,000 Catholics – and every day we welcome more into our Church.

We stand at a pivotal moment in western North Carolina: our rapid growth, enriched by many cultures and languages, compels us to strengthen our local Church and ensure that every person has the chance to encounter Jesus Christ. This is a moment for discipleship, an opportunity to reflect on all that God has given us – including the total gift of His Son – and ask ourselves: *How can I bring those gifts and present them to the Lord? How can I reflect in my life and in my financial choices how blessed I have been by God?*

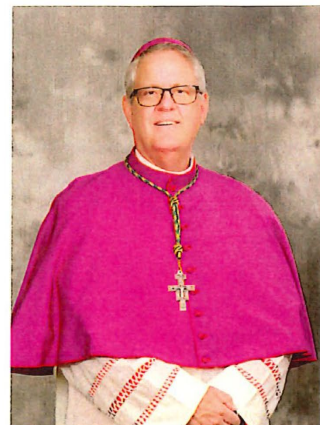
These times call us to move beyond the sometimes transactional relationship many of us fall into in our faith, and embrace the generous, outward-focused spirit of the Gospel. This is hard work, but it is good and necessary.

To succeed in this vision, we must invest in our parishes, schools and ministries. We cannot be passive in our love for our Church. Rather, we must allow ourselves to be transformed by the Holy Spirit. This is a moment of faith and trust.

You can help by joining us in **Making Room – for More to Know the Love of Jesus** – a philanthropic challenge to build up our parishes and ministries, physically and spiritually, and to make way for our friends and neighbors to join us, too. The **Making Room Challenge** invites you to reflect on the gifts you have received and to invest them in furthering the work of the Holy Spirit in our hearts, our homes and our communities.

Just as the Philippians bonded in partnership with St. Paul, I invite you to become partners in our efforts to do God's work. The success of this moment is not simply measured by dollars raised, but rather by how we engage with the Church and how we reflect God's grace in all aspects of our lives. As your bishop, I invite you to help us meet this challenge. I ask that you pray with me about how the Holy Spirit is guiding you to participate through your faith, your witness and your sacrificial generosity.

Please know of my affection and prayers for you as we walk this journey together. May we build a Church in western North Carolina where every person can encounter Christ's saving love and where missionary disciples are formed to share Him with others.



Peace,

+ *Michael T. Martin; OFM Conv.*

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Bishop of Charlotte