



MAKING ROOM

for more to know the love of Jesus

Frequently Asked Questions:

Why do we need this now?

We stand at a pivotal moment in the life of the Diocese of Charlotte. Since our founding in 1972, the Catholic population has grown from 34,000, to more than 575,000 with continued growth each year. Our Parishes are experiencing both the opportunities and challenges that come with this rapid growth.

- * Many Parishes are facing financial and physical limitations with some outgrowing their facilities or lacking resources for needed improvements.
- * Catholic Charities is serving a growing number of individuals and families, including responding to major events as Hurricane Helene.
- * The need for strong Catholic education, lay leadership and clergy formation continues to increase.
- * Population growth across the region is creating a urgent need to plan for future parishes and ministry sites.

Prayer for Making Room

God of all goodness,

Allow us to see that when we fully entrust everything in our lives to you,

Your Holy Spirit will transform our gift in many ways.

We call upon the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mother of Jesus and Mother of God, all the saints

and all the holy ones of the past who made room for us

in Western North Carolina.

We ask this and all our prayers through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Every parish and mission will benefit from this diocese-wide effort, with parishes keeping 50% of the funds they raise for local capital projects, ministry needs and endowments. Parishes that hit certain stretch goals (for St. Margaret of Scotland \$420,000) will also retain 100% of the additional funds

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

October 3, 2026 at 10:00 am

Church Parking Lot



BEAUTIFUL RAFFLE BASKETS

Tickets 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10

Proceeds benefit both *The Friends of Haywood County Animal Shelter*, a non-profit 501c3, and St. Margaret Church.

Raffle tickets available at our Church picnic and after weekend masses beginning September 12th

(volunteers are needed to sell tickets).

You can also purchase tickets at **The Breakfast Depot** (3047 Socco Road) on September 19th from 7:30 am - 12:30 pm and at **The Twisted Spoke** (6490 Socco Road) on September 20th from 12:00 pm to 6 pm.

Winner need not be present at The Blessing to win!



KNIGHTS CORNER

Knights Round Table Contacts:

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Join us September 26th for a breakfast Roundtable meeting after the 8am Mass!
All who want to join our Order need to be present at the meeting