

HOUSING FOR ALL ASSEMBLY

Sat, Sept 19th, 1pm

St. Francis of Assisi Main Church



Are you concerned about the cost of housing in Wake County?

Did you know housing is out of reach for many community members, not just people with low income, but also teachers, first responders, community workers, entry level professionals, etc.?

Are you, your adult children, or a coworker burdened by the cost of housing?

***COME, BE PRESENT FOR THE INTERFAITH
EFFORTS OF ONE WAKE***

- Scripture consistently teaches that care for the poor is an essential part of Christian discipleship (Matthew 25:35–40, Luke 4:18–19).
- The Catholic Church affirms housing as a fundamental human right.
- Support for affordable housing is rooted in Catholic Social Teaching.
- Access to affordable, safe, and stable housing is a matter of justice, not simply charity.

RSVP



THIS IS OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Your presence speaks volumes

“Land, housing and work are sacred rights. It is worthwhile to fight for them, and I would like you to hear me say, I am here, “I am with you!”

- Pope Leo XIV

RSVP link: www.onewake.org/september_2026_event

Questions? Contact Nancy Dilger, (919) 608-2636, ndilger3@gmail.com

Affordable Housing - Grounding in Scripture and Catholic Church Teaching

Scripture:

Scripture consistently teaches that care for the poor among us is an essential part of all it means to be a Christian. Care for the poor includes safe and adequate shelter which is a necessary part of the dignity God intends for every person. The prophets condemn those who exploit the poor or deprive people of the necessities of life (Isaiah 58:6–7; Amos 5:11–12), while the Law repeatedly commands care for the vulnerable, including widows, orphans, and foreigners (Deuteronomy 10:18–19).

Jesus himself identifies with those in need, teaching that whatever we do for "the least of these" we do for him (Matthew 25:35–40), and proclaims his mission as bringing good news to the poor and freedom to the oppressed (Luke 4:18–19). Together, these passages remind us that working to ensure affordable, safe housing is a concrete way of honoring the God-given dignity of every person and living out our call to love our neighbor.

Church Teaching:

Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 2211 states that political authorities have a duty to help ensure the conditions necessary for family life, including "the right to private property, to free enterprise, to obtain work and housing..."

Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, paragraph 166 affirms that every person has the right to "food, housing, work, education and access to culture, transportation, basic health care, the freedom of communication and expression, and the protection of religious freedom." Paragraph 167 affirms that the "common good must be served in its fullness" and "no one is exempt from cooperating". It also affirms that seeking the common good "requires the constant ability and effort to seek the good of others as though it were one's own good."

Catholic Social Teaching:

Support for affordable housing is rooted in several core principles of Catholic Social Teaching, especially the life and dignity of the human person, the preferential option for the poor and vulnerable, and the universal destination of goods (the earth and its resources belong to ALL of humanity, not just to a select few). The Church teaches that housing is not merely a commodity but a basic human necessity essential for flourishing in this life and living with dignity.

Taken together, Catholic Social Teaching sees access to affordable, safe, and stable housing as a matter of justice, not simply charity. Because every person is created in the image of God, society has a responsibility to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to obtain housing that supports family life, health, and human flourishing.

Pope Francis frequently identified land, labor, and lodging ("three Ls") as fundamental rights, and a moral obligation and what's more, a commandment that all Christians should heed. He emphasized that decent housing is essential to human dignity and participation in society.

Pope Leo XIV: "Land, housing and work are sacred rights. It is worthwhile to fight for them, and I would like you to hear me say, I am here, "I am with you!"