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Living Testimonies: Stewarding Our Stories

Revelation 12:11 — "They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony…"

Dear Friends in Christ,

Every person in our Cathedral community carries a testimony. Some stories are joyful; others are marked by hardship, healing, perseverance, or renewal. Yet through every season, God remains faithful. This year, our stewardship theme, **Living Testimonies: Stewarding Our Stories**, reminds us that stewardship is about more than finances. It is about the story God is writing through each of our lives and the story we share together.

Our stewardship helps make possible the ministries that bring our stories to life such as: Cathedral Choir School, CHIP Medical Clinic, Care Fair, Cathedral Crafters (Warmth Project), and other partnerships throughout Detroit. St. Paul's boldly seeks to carry Christ's love beyond its walls through its action.

Stewardship allows us to look beyond simply maintaining what we have and ask: **What is God calling the Cathedral to become?** Our pledges help us strengthen the ministries already bearing fruit while creating room for new possibilities like deeper formation, greater outreach, stronger partnerships, and new ways of welcoming people into the life of Christ and the life of this Cathedral.

A pledge is therefore not simply about supporting a building or balancing a budget. It is a way of saying, **"I believe in what God is doing here, and I want to be part of what God is doing next."**

As we enter the 2027 stewardship season, we invite you to prayerfully consider your pledge and how you can help us continue growing as a Cathedral of worship, welcome, healing, formation, music, service, and witness in the heart of Detroit.

On In-Gathering Sunday, November 1 at the 7:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. services, we will place our pledges on the altar. We encourage you to join us for our **Stewardship Celebration Brunch** at **12:30 p.m.** in Barth Hall. **RSVPs are not required but are highly recommended.** To **RSVP,** please email Erin McClellan at emcclellan@detroitcathedral.org.

Together, may we the members and friends of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul continue to live as faithful stewards of the stories God has entrusted to us.

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