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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 Parishioners,

While centered around advancing the financial resources of the church, Stewardship is not only about the money. It is also about how the spirit works and moves us to be in community…right now and in this place.

What else motivates us to provide for our church? Is it not all about love? Love for God, love for each other, love for those who are with us, love in memory of those who paved the way before us, and love for those who will come after us is a part of *Living Testimonies: Stewarding Our Stories.*

Being a good steward means using the gifts we have been entrusted with in responsible ways. For the grace, gifts, and talents we have were not given to be kept unseen. Stewardship is about sharing a commitment to this community of faith in pledging our intent of time, talent, and treasure. It is showing concern about the health and wellbeing of this community of faith. It is ensuring that this community of love is sustained to share with others. The strength in **our** Stewardship positions us to spread our faith to a world that needs the love of the spirit more than ever in these challenging times. The question is whether we are ready to do so?

My appeal to you is to partner with us to create more with the opportunities for this parish to grow and rise. It is a collective responsibility. In asking you to make a pledge, remember it is your promise to play a meaningful role in this community. As we approach the **In-gathering Sunday on November 1**, we will place our pledges on the Altar or you can pledge electronically through the e-giving portal.

Working in communion we can and will make the church a better place where the meaning of hope, love and charity is expressed in this world. Let us all give an amen to that!

Blessings,



Dr. George W. Swan III, *Sr. Warden*