

JOURNEY TO GENEROSITY



“Put simply, life is a God-given opportunity to become who we are, to affirm our own true spiritual nature, claim our truth, appropriate and integrate the reality of our being, but most of all, to say ‘Yes’ to the One who calls us the Beloved.”

Henri J.M. Nouwen

Dear Friends,

On Sunday, October 8, Saint Mark’s will kick off this year’s giving campaign, “Journey to Generosity,” with a focus on how the generosity from which we benefit and which we practice helps shape our spiritual walk together as Christ’s church.

As members of the Saint Mark’s family, we walk together in our journey to saying “Yes” to the God who calls us Beloved, who calls us to be instruments of grace and reconciliation and who calls us to come together in community as the church. We measure our steps forward by how we faithfully continue to seek a deeper relationship with God and, by extension, each other.

God freely equips us with the blessings we need to be able to help one another along the way: friendship, support and prayer, teaching and sharing, as well as the gifts of time, talent and treasure that we give back to God through the church. The Journey to Generosity is an opportunity for us to think about the share of that endlessness with which we have been blessed. The question then becomes, “What do we do next?”

We invite you to consider your answer to that question as we prepare for our annual stewardship campaign.

In the coming weeks, we will hear members of Saint Mark’s share how our parish’s various ministries continue to shape their spiritual journeys and, by extension, our broader, shared journey. We hope these stories create the opportunity for us all to reflect on how our ongoing support for Saint Mark’s and its ministries brings us closer to the model of generosity and community that God provides for us.

So far, 2017 has been an exciting year for Saint Mark’s and 2018 promises to be even more active. The Journey to Generosity is our chance to not only give thanks for what we personally and our church together has received from God, but to also challenge ourselves to commit anew to our spiritual journey. We are grateful to be part of a family that continues to generously support its members in so many ways and we look forward to being part of the next steps in our journey together.

Our generosity, in response to the abundant blessings in our own lives, will make it possible for Saint Mark’s to continue its mission of being a hub of ministry for each other and to the world in which we live.

Faithfully,



Ellen Berndt



Scott Milburn

Saint Mark’s Stewardship Committee Co-Chairs