



## SAINT MARK'S LEGACY CIRCLE AND THE CIRCLE OF GRACE

The people of Saint Mark's are called to be and live as a community where all people experience God's unconditional love. The church is not a group of buildings, but the people of God: you, me... individuals called together to build up the body of Christ.

Part of our faithful commitment to Saint Mark's is our stewardship of the day-to-day ministry. Your current gifts sustain Saint Mark's ministries, vibrant worship and music, and bring life to the community. We thank you for this vital support.

Current gifts, however, cannot ensure the future and expansion of this vital ministry. The generosity of those before us has helped build the church we are today. As we look to the future, we too have the opportunity to enable the mission of the parish to continue for the generations that will succeed us. This can only be accomplished through a strong endowment. A significant gift to The Endowment Fund of Saint Mark's—made now or through your estate plans—will allow Saint Mark's to maintain and expand its life enhancing witness in our community.

So the Circle of Grace meets the Saint Mark's Legacy Circle. The Legacy Circle is those who have made a gift to the Endowment Fund or named Saint Mark's in their estate plans. Grace begets gratitude, gratitude begets generosity and generosity begets grace—now and for future generations of community in Christ at Saint Mark's. Through our generosity, God's grace touches others.



*“No one has ever  
become poor by giving.”*

- ANNE FRANK



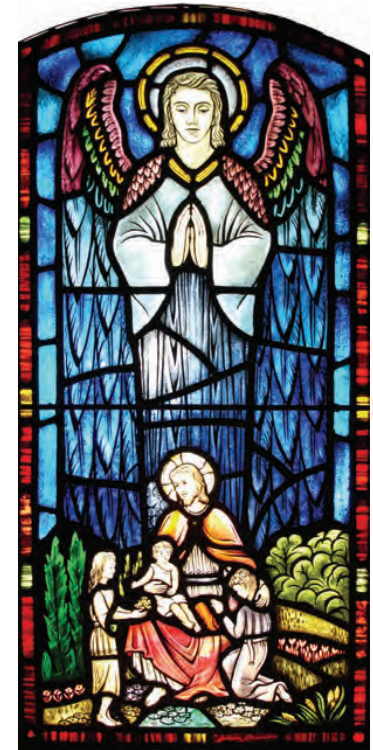
*“It is every man's obligation  
to put back into the world  
at least the equivalent  
of what he takes out of it”*

- ALBERT EINSTEIN



## AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE LEGACY CIRCLE

PLANNED GIVING AT  
SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
A MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP



SAINT MARK'S CHURCH  
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## SIX WAYS YOUR GIFT CAN BENEFIT YOU

No gift is too small or too large. This gift can also provide you with valuable benefits. By including Saint Mark's in your estate plans, you may channel dollars that otherwise would have gone to taxes toward sustaining life-giving ministry—while possibly providing secure income for you and/or people you care about. Saint Mark's has plans that will allow you to:

### 1. REDUCE THE BURDEN OF TAXES

The assets you leave behind could be vulnerable to estate taxes of up to 46%. IRA or other retirement plans face additional taxes that can result in a loss of over 75% of their value. By using one of our plans, you may be able to transfer assets to your loved ones with reduced taxes. Your heirs, as

well as Saint Mark's could benefit substantially from such a plan. Many plans provide immediate income tax deductions as well.

### 2. MAKE A "CHANGE YOUR MIND GIFT"

A gift made through your will or trust can be changed, as can a gift made through a beneficiary designation of an IRA or other retirement plan. You preserve the flexibility to change your mind if your circumstances change.

### 3. INCREASE YOUR INCOME

You can take advantage of plans that allow you to sell and reinvest assets to earn more income and secure tax savings with no immediate payment of capital gains taxes. In addition, taxes on the assets left to loved ones can be eliminated or reduced.

### 4. SUPPORT SAINT MARK'S WITHOUT TAKING ASSETS FROM LOVED ONES

Some plans can actually increase your heirs' post-tax inheritance by including a gift to Saint Mark's.

### 5. PROVIDE LOVED ONES WITH A MORE USEABLE INHERITANCE

Consider a plan that will pay your heirs an income over a period of years rather than the possible burden or temptation of a one-time windfall, while ultimately benefitting Saint Mark's as well.

### 6. GUARANTEE A MORE STABLE INCOME FOR YOU AND THE PEOPLE YOU LOVE

There are plans that will allow you to make a current gift to Saint Mark's that will result in a fixed lifetime income for you or for those you name. Often that income is greater than you can earn on the current assets you hold. Once the term of the contract expires, the gift will then benefit Saint Mark's.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Complete and return this form, fill out the form online at [www.saintmarks.la/planned-giving](http://www.saintmarks.la/planned-giving) or call 818.240.3860 and ask to have a member of the Stewardship Committee call you.

- I have already included Saint Mark's in my estate plan and wish to be listed in Saint Mark's Legacy Circle.
- I intend to include Saint Mark's in my estate plan.
- I would like more information about including Saint Mark's in my will or other estate plan.
- I would like more information about how a gift to Saint Mark's can help me to:
  - Generate retirement income
  - Make a significant gift at low annual cost through life insurance
  - Provide income (but not assets) to loved ones
  - Make a gift without taking assets from loved ones
  - Make a gift of my home and continue to live there for my lifetime
  - Sell appreciated property or stock tax-free and invest all the proceeds
- I would like a complimentary no-obligation consultation with a Diocesan advisor regarding my personal situation.

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