St. Paul's
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Dear friends,

As I prepare to begin my fourth year as rector of St. Paul's, my heart is filled with much gratitude. By God's grace—and by working together—we've been able to grow our many ministries, invest in our campus, expand our staff, call a new Associate Rector, and welcome new members into our community. We are a blessed parish, and it's a joy to remember the countless good things God has done in our midst. Thank you for being a part of this remarkable story.

The tie that binds each ministry, program, act of service, gathering of fellowship, and moment of worship here at St. Paul's is love—Christ's redeeming love, together with our love for God and for people. Indeed, love alone is what makes our community possible, to the extent that genuine stewardship is rooted in genuine gratitude. As a reflection of this truth, our stewardship theme this year is "Walk in Love." If Christ's self-giving love is the tie binding us together, the call to walk in that love is the chance to take one more step. It's the chance to journey deeper into God's tender hope and grace for our lives.

My invitation to you now is simple. Will you consider taking that next step into the mission and ministry of St. Paul's? In particular, will you consider the impact that an increased pledge might have, not only on St. Paul's, but also on your own life and your own story? Our capital campaign has allowed us to invest in our campus. Now is the time to invest in our programming—to invest in our new Associate Rector, our children and youth, our outreach, and everything else God wants to do through us and in us.

Our annual stewardship campaign concludes on Sunday, November 15, when we will consecrate our pledge cards. May the days ahead offer you the chance to discern how God is calling you to lovingly steward the wondrous gifts you've been given. And may you know how much your support and, yes, your love for St. Paul's are appreciated.

Grace and peace,

Fr. Marco+