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Dear Parishioner,

*“As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who utters oracles of God; whoever renders service, as one who renders it by the strength which God supplies; in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.”* (1 Peter 4:10-11)

As you read the enclosed 2016 pledge card, I ask you to listen to your heart and pray for guidance as you consider how your time, talents, and treasures can support the work of God's church. Please embrace the concept of **proportional giving**, where each member gives in accordance with his or her own individual means; that is, in accordance with our true ability to share. *“As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace...”* Understanding God's teachings will go a long way toward helping us know the joy of giving of “the first fruits,” as well as how to follow our faith in practical terms and within the context of our busy and pressure-packed lives.

Please fill out the pledge card and return it to the church office by mail. Or make your pledge on the St. John's website at [www.stjohnd.org/stewardship](http://www.stjohnd.org/stewardship) via credit card secured by PayPal. Our goal is for 100% participation in submitting the pledge form, regardless of the amount. Please note that all responses will be dealt with privately, and I am available to meet with you if you desire.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity and support; because of you, we have a vibrant, caring, and warm spiritual home.

With love in Christ,

Archpriest John K. Teebagy  
Pastor