



***Message from the Executive Director
November 2024***

“For all the saints, who from their labors rest” ...I haven’t been able to get that tune out of my head since we sang it on Sunday.

All Saints Day, celebrated on November 1st, is a day dedicated to honoring the saints, known and unknown, who have shaped our faith and provided inspiration for generations. This feast day calls the faithful to reflect on the legacy of holiness and *generosity* left by those who came before. It is an opportunity to remember that the community of faith extends beyond the present, linking the living with those who have passed on.

A beautiful way to honor this legacy and extend it into the future is through contributions to church endowments. These endowments, essentially a permanent investment fund for the church, provide ongoing financial support for ministries, facilities, and outreach programs. Endowed funds often ensure the church’s future vitality.

Giving to church endowments serves two purposes: it allows congregants to honor the past while investing in the future. Such contributions create a perpetual impact, as the funds remain invested and generate income over time, securing resources for future generations. Donors often make these gifts in memory of loved ones, creating a tangible legacy of faith that will continue to bless the church and its mission for years to come.

I would enjoy the opportunity to meet with your church to talk about creating an endowment program that will uphold the church’s work in the future.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ellen".

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