

PARISH OF SAINT PAUL 2008 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

# God's Gifts to Us – Our Gifts to God

*Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.*

1 Peter 7:10-11

Dear Friends:

The stewardship of our time and talents is the wise and responsible use of the special gifts God has entrusted to each of us. God has created each one of us with unique attributes – including our personalities, interests, life experiences, abilities, hopes and dreams – which make us who we are. Our lives have real meaning when we use our gifts in accordance with God's will. Our lives are God's gift to us; how we live is our gift to God.

As we have seen in the last year, our parish has great strength and resilience. Our lay leadership has stepped up to maintain church programs and services, as well as hire staff, provide pastoral care and lead special services such as Morning Prayer and Children's Sabbath. As we move forward, we need everyone to contribute their special gifts, not only of money, but of time.

Your Vestry asks that after assessing your own gifts, you indicate with check marks your commitment (whether new or renewed) to specific ministries of St. Paul's listed below.

## **Growing Together Through Worship**

- Lay Eucharistic Minister
- Lector
- Acolyte
- Altar Guild
- Adult or Children's Choir Member
- Greeter/Usher
- Worship Planning

## **Care of Others**

- Outreach Committee
- Salvation Army Server
- Salvation Army Cake Baker
- Faith and the Environment
- Knitting Ministry
- New Orleans Mission Member

## **Care of St. Paul's**

- Diocesan Convention Delegate
- Vestry Member
- Coffee Hour Host
- Host a Dinner
- Legal Advisor
- Garden Maintenance
- Publicity
- Audit Committee
- Building Maintenance Assistant
- Driver for those who need rides

## **Joy of Learning Together**

- Christian Formation Teacher
- Adult Discussion Session Facilitator
- Youth Group Facilitator

With thanks to God for life's blessings and in joyful consideration of my/our means and values, I/we pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ weekly = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ yearly in financial support to the Parish of St. Paul for theyear 2008. Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone or email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form to a member of the Vestry on or before our planned in-gathering on Sunday, December 16, 2007, or mail it to the church in the enclosed envelope. Thank you.**