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Dear Parishioner,

United in God's Love is the theme for the 2021 pledge campaign. United in our love for Jesus Christ, for our love for St. Mary's, and for our love for each other.

"Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden and I will refresh you." St. Matthew 11:28. We, the congregation of St. Mary's, the country, and the world has experienced much anguish these past months. The one constant in all the turmoil has been God's love for us. Whatever the circumstances, God will always be there to refresh us.

After just two weeks at St. Mary's, Mother Allison had to close the church building and the Thrift Shop. Fortunately, she's a computer whiz and she provided us with Morning Prayer, Compline, Bible Study and Sunday Services by Zoom. David provided organ concerts on Wednesdays as well as writing interesting articles on the music he was going to play on Sunday, and Julie has worked tirelessly in the office.

Our Senior Warden, Jack Olthuis, and the Vestry continued to provide the lay leadership needed to conduct the financial responsibilities of the church. God's plan to spread the Good News is through us. He blessed us with great leaders.

As Jack noted in his letter to the congregation, St. Mary's, which has been operating on a deficit budget, suffered financial losses due to the pandemic restrictions. However, we're still operational and looking toward the future. St. Mary's is now open at 25% capacity with services on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

The past is past. St. Mary's future depends on us. Are we willing to be united in God's love for us and St. Mary's by providing the financial resources needed to continue to do God's work?

The Stewardship Committee