

FUNDING ST. JOHN'S FUTURE

Planting Seeds of Hope and Faith

Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree.

Martin Luther

Planting seeds for future fruit is both an act of hope and an expression of faith.

We plant in hope that the small seeds will one day produce a tree whose fruit will bless future generations. We plant in faith by entrusting those who follow us to nurture our tree, harvest the fruit properly and use it for the best purposes.

Making a planned gift to St. John the Baptist is a similar undertaking. A planned gift is a seed whose promised fruit will support the church well beyond your lifetime.

Planned giving is often part of an overall estate plan to distribute your assets and possessions to the people and causes most dear to you. Planned gifts come in several forms. The simplest planned gift is to make a bequest to St. John's in your will. Other options, such as charitable gift annuities through the Episcopal Church Foundation, provide a guaranteed income for life and substantial tax savings.

Planned gifts are funded from assets you have accumulated during your lifetime. When you make a planned gift to St. John's, it typically does not impact your current income. In fact, there are several types of life-income gifts that can actually supplement your income for the rest of your life.

Planned gifts are generally used to build an endowment fund for St. John the Baptist which is vitally important for the long term health of the church. Endowment funds empower ministry beyond what is possible through annual operating funds. An endowment fund at St. John's would provide future parishioners with the means to continue to worship, learn, and serve the community and the world as we have been blessed to do.

Planned giving is a powerful opportunity to ensure your most sacred values and commitments are part of your legacy. Your planned gift represents your hope for the future mission of St. John's and your faith in generations to come. Please watch for opportunities to learn more about planned giving at St. John's in the coming weeks.