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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are living in an exciting time in the church, a time filled with profound hope and encouragement. The Jubilee Year of Hope was given to us by the late Pope Francis as a special time of grace and spiritual renewal. He calls each of us to be Pilgrims of Hope, inviting us to embark on a transformational journey of the heart. With hope as our guide, we seek to deepen our faith, gain new strength, and grow in relationship with our Lord, Jesus Christ. We are called to recognize our responsibilities as stewards of the faith and to take action as we care for our neighbor.

With the recent election of Pope Leo XIV, we are guided by hope again. In his first papal address to the world, Pope Leo shared his missionary spirit and love of the people of God. He calls on us to be missionaries of the gospel, reminding us that we are the disciples of Jesus, called to complete His mission on earth. He describes himself as someone who wants to walk with us, building bridges to bring all of humanity into one body of Christ. What a wonderful time to be Catholic!

With renewed excitement and missionary spirit, now is the time to embark on your own personal pilgrimage of faith. As we enter into our annual Stewardship Renewal, I invite you to prayerfully discern how you are called to serve with a pilgrim's heart. Information on how to use the commitment form are enclosed.

Be as charitable with your prayer, participation and generosity for the parish as God has been with you - for your own spiritual growth as well as for the parish's spiritual growth. When we unite in support of our parish with joyful hearts, we build a community rooted in faith, love, and service.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and for all you do for the community of St. Mary's Cathedral. **Please return in the collection basket or to the parish office by June 22nd.** Additional copies of the commitment form may be printed from our website. The form may also be completed online. Visit [stmarysgi.com/serve](http://stmarysgi.com/serve) for more information.

May God bless you abundantly in this coming year, and may you find joy and peace in living stewardship as a way of life.

In Christ,

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