

Leaving a legacy is a big deal! More than a monetary gift, a legacy is an enduring proclamation of what you believe is essential to a life well-lived: the words you speak, the values you instill, the lifestyle you live, the gifts you share.

Legacy begins with stewardship, taking time to reflect on the many gifts we have received from the Lord and looking for opportunities to "make a return to the Lord for all his goodness..." (Psalm 116) In the end, leaving a legacy is loving without limits.

With the first Sunday of Advent, we begin another Church Year, during which we celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, His legacy of love. For this reason, I am designating this next Church Year as the *Year of Legacy* at Queen of All Saints Parish, reflecting on the Lord's love for us and planning our stewardship.

At the beginning of the *Year of Legacy*, I encourage you to make gratitude a particular theme of your prayer. To help you, the parish staff has created a prayer intention card that you can use until we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord on January 8, 2017. Please bring your completed prayer intention cards to church by December 17, 2016. As we conclude the Advent Season, we will place the cards near the manger scene as our gift to the Lord Jesus who left us with the greatest Legacy of all, eternal life!

I offer a few additional ideas to help you develop a clearer sense of stewardship and a deeper experience of gratitude during the Advent and Christmas seasons. Ample copies of *Everyday Stewardship: Advent Reflections* are available to aid your prayer and reflection. You can find these resources at the Information Center and at the entrances of the church. I have enclosed a list of the Advent activities and the Christmas Mass schedule here at Queen of All Saints Parish. I hope you find these resources helpful in your prayer and preparation as you prepare for the coming of Christ.

Throughout this year, you will have other opportunities to consider the legacy you want to leave. What is the enduring message you want to leave this parish, this community, this world? How will you 'Love without Limits'?

Please be sure of my prayers for you and your loved ones during the Advent and Christmas seasons, asking our Lord to bless you with many graces and an abiding awareness of His Presence and love.

Faithfully yours in the Lord,



*Love* without *Limits*