The Church of the
HOLY FAITH
Established 1863

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Jesus said, "You are the light of the world…let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."
Matthew 5:14,16

Dear Faithful and Friends of Holy Faith,

To celebrate the successful conclusion of the 2026 Stewardship Campaign, "You are the Light of the World," on November 8 we processed the Prayer Banner of Light and placed it prominently in the front of the church. On it hung the prayers of faithful parishioners over the past year – prayers for our families, friends, and selves; prayers for our country, for peace and unity, for grace and hope, for guidance, and for God's will to be done; prayers of thanksgiving for life, love, and friendships, for the beauty of nature and for the beauty of holiness; prayers for God's abundance, Holy Faith, the youth group, and all God's children.

This past year you have demonstrated that "You are the Light of the World." You have shown a spirit of gratitude, a spirit of generosity, a spirit of gladness. You are grateful for your faith community. You are generous to your church home. You are glad to be at Holy Faith. You radiate your love of God in Christ, your love of Holy Faith, and your love of one another.

Now it's time to look toward 2027, and we're going to do something different! We know you are grateful. We know you are generous. We know you are glad. So, there's no glossy Stewardship brochure, just simply this letter. So, there will be no Stewardship testimonials during the liturgies; instead take that time to pray about your relationship to God in Christ made possible by Holy Faith. So, there will be no poster indicating the progress of the Stewardship Campaign; instead the parish treasurer will keep us informed by his report in the weekly parish-wide email.

AND, we're not going to extend the Stewardship Campaign throughout next year, waiting to celebrate its successful conclusion a year from now. Wouldn't it be nice to celebrate the Campaign's successful conclusion at the beginning of January? Then your Vestry could adopt a realistic 2027 budget to present at the Annual Meeting at the end of January. You know the importance of making a pledge of your support to carry out Holy Faith's mission and ministry in the coming year. You know what you are able to do. You know you are grateful for your faith community. You know you are generous to your church home. You know you are glad to be at Holy Faith.

So TODAY make your pledge of support of Holy Faith for 2027 by completing the enclosed form indicating your estimated giving, or by pledging online at https://holyfaithchurchsf.org/stewardship. Since Holy Faith reached its $1 million goal the past two years, the Campaign goal for 2027 is $1.1 million to cover rising costs of insurance, utilities, and ministries. Because of your gratitude, your generosity, and your gladness, we can reach it!

YOU CONTINUE TO BE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD! You radiate your love of God in Christ. You radiate your love of Holy Faith. You radiate your love of one another. By your radiance, Holy Faith also can be the Light of the World. You are the Light of the World so Holy Faith can be the Light of the World. Holy Faith has been a beacon of Christ's light for 163 years. Let your light shine before others – through your acts of faithfulness, kindness, and charity – so they may see your good deeds – through Holy Faith's Mission & Outreach efforts and Pastoral Care ministry – and glorify your Father in heaven – through Holy Faith's Liturgy & Music, Community, and Hospitality. In the words of one of the ribbons on the Prayer Banner: "Be the Light you hope to see in the World."

Yours faithfully in Christ,

The Very Rev'd Canon Robin D. Dodge
Rector