

From the desk of Fr. Peter Idler

My dear fellow parishioners,

We are all in this together. As a community, we have begun our parish stewardship program and I hope you now know that I am one with you in dedicating myself to the giving of time, talent, and treasure for the advancement of God's kingdom in our corner of the world. The world needs the Church and Cumberland County needs All Saints.

This week, I have invited a number of the people of God, whom I have come to know and love, from around the diocese to speak of how they understand the call to stewardship and why they believe it to be an important part of the Christian vocation. I ask that you prayerfully consider what they have to say as you contemplate your own response to God's call. All that we have is a gift from the Lord and He only asks of us to share what we have first received from His loving providence.

We are beginning the month of October which is dedicated to the most Holy Rosary. I would like to propose to you that this is the first and easiest way of increasing your stewardship for All Saints. If each of us would pray a Rosary a day, or even just a portion of it, for the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart and the flourishing of All Saints, I guarantee that we will see an immediate change in our hearts, homes, parish, and community at large. Other than the Mass itself (which is a work of God, not of men) there is no more powerful weapon at our disposal to make our neighborhoods safe and secure and wake people from their spiritual slumber to be a part of such a welcoming community as our own.

If you are so inspired, I encourage you to gather as families in the home, and as groups of brothers and sisters in Christ in church to pray for our church, our nation, and our parish family with this precious gift of the Rosary given to St. Dominic by the loving hands of our Heavenly Mother Herself. Ven. Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, "When we say the Rosary, we are saying to God, the Trinity, to the Incarnate Savior, to the Blessed Mother: 'I love you, I love you, I love you.'" How wonderful if our first and most continuous act of stewardship would be to increase the gift of our love to God and Our Mother!

In Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,

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