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From the Rector, The Rev. Dr. Duncan Johnston

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"I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands" (2 Timothy 1:6)

Dear Member of St. John's:

When you were baptized something amazing and mysterious happened to you. Even though you may not remember that great event, it changed you. God made promises to you that day – to welcome you eternally into his family, to never leave you, to make his home in the center of your being, and to make you a vital part of his plans on earth.

You were given a noble task – to be Christ's witness and worker. Congratulations. You are royalty and you are rocking it, your majesty.

So how's it going? Still feeling the flame of God and his call on your life? It's hard to keep the fire of the Holy Spirit burning when it's cold and dark. Paul gets us. His instruction to his young friend Timothy, which I quoted at the top of this letter, is the plea of a man who knows how our flame can flicker and fade. So, this autumn, let me encourage you – St. John's is praying for you and rooting for you.

We've decided to name this year's stewardship campaign 'Fanning the Flame', because God has called our parish, and everyone who is a member of it, to shine.

In this mailing you'll catch some more of what God is doing in and through St. John's. Please read the facts and stats and be encouraged that you are a part of something wonderful that God is doing in our city and beyond. You'll also find your Fanning the Flame pledge card. Please prayerfully consider how you will financially support the mission of God in and through St John's in 2027. Please try to return the card on or by November 8 via mail or to the church office. You may also submit your pledge online via the St. John's website.

May God bless you and your family as you fan the flame – warming, enlightening and protecting our city.

Every blessing,