



ST. JOHN NEUMANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Served by the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales
11900 Lawyers Road, Reston, VA 20191

February 13, 2025

To the St. John Neumann Parish Community,

I am delighted to announce that a former parishioner has bequeathed St. John Neumann Parish a gift in the amount of \$1.5 million dollars.

Last year, St. John Neumann established an endowment fund with an initial contribution from our operating account. We recognized it was crucial to take this step toward providing for the long-term future of our faith community. This unexpected gift from the Heinz K. Weindler Trust significantly bolsters our ability to sustain and strengthen the mission to “Live Jesus” for years to come.

A gift like this is great cause for confidence, but not for complacency. Our work promoting and living the Gospel is something that we can never take for granted. We continue to rely on the weekly and monthly giving from our parishioners to sustain our ministries, programs, and daily operations. No matter how large or small, every gift adds up, making a difference in our commitment to keep our faith community vibrant and vigilant.

It is critical to strike that delicate balance between meeting today’s obligations while anticipating tomorrow’s needs. This is why we commit to investing a portion of our treasure for the present and an even larger portion for the future. “Saving for a rainy day” continues to be as important as ever!

I will continue to work diligently and responsibly with our finance council to steward and grow this gift to provide lasting benefits for our parish. We will update the community as we continue to grow and expand the endowment to meet the short and long-term needs of our parish and the wider community we are privileged to serve in the name of Jesus Christ.

We are indebted to the generosity of the Weindler Trust for such a generous, one-time gift. We are equally indebted to the generosity of so many others who contribute some measure of their treasure to support our God-given mission week in and week out.

Gratefully,

Fr. Michael S. Murray, OSFS