

The voice of the turtle

THIS IS YOUR INHERITANCE... WHAT WILL YOUR LEGACY BE?

Within these pages the gates of a new life will open to us a vision of our responsibility for the future of our church. It will present a challenge for tomorrow. This booklet is affectionately dedicated to the laymen and laywomen of this congregation. By their vision and faithfulness, as well as through their generous giving, they will show their love for God and man.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR RECTOR



MY DEAR FRIENDS:

The first message I addressed to the congregation as Rector of St. John's Parish was written in a brochure in June, 1955. It would seem that my last message to the congregation is to appear in this brochure. The intervening years have been a tremendous experience for me involving life and death, depression and jubilation, insecurity and hope within the parish.

When I accepted the invitation extended by the Vestry to become your Rector I had three objectives:

- (a) To remove dissention within the congregation,
- (b) To rebuild the Parish House and equip it,

(c) To elevate the income for maintenance and other needs in keeping with the demand if St. John's is to fulfill its total mission to Hagerstown and its environs as the most powerful Episcopal congregation in Western Maryland.

The congregation alone can decide whether or not our aims were justified on the first and second of these objectives. The congregation alone must decide whether St. John's is to be a powerhouse for God or a musty museum of unfulfilled aspirations. This is our all out objective.

Please God we as individuals and as a parish will not be found wanting.

Faithfully

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