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## “I Feel Refreshed in My Faith”

I am honored to participate in the Archdiocese of Washington Legacy Society because I want to ensure that the blessings, ministry and outreach of Saint Matthew’s Cathedral I have been privileged to receive are there for those who will follow. Like many other life blessings we receive, I believe we are stewards of our Church and we have the responsibility to care for, sustain and enrich it so it will continue to be a vital and integral part of not only the Church community but the entire community it serves.

In 2005, I became a parishioner of Saint Matthews Cathedral after a career as an officer in the United States Air Force. As I put down roots in Washington, D.C., I also was looking to put down roots in a church community. From the first mass I attended at Saint Matthews, I felt at home. Walking home from that first mass in 2005, I was reminded of a quote from Robert Frost, who wrote, “Home is the place where, when you have to go there, they have to take you in.” Thanks to the warm greeting of the Rector, Rev. Msgr. W. Ronald Jameson, V.F., and the entire Church community, Saint Matthews had, indeed,



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taken me in. Every time I leave the Church, I feel refreshed in my faith and challenged to live my life according to Christ’s and the Church’s teachings. I am truly blessed to be a part of such a vital ministry and community.

For those who are not familiar with Saint Matthews, we are an inner-city Church that serves our parishioners and the much larger local community as well. The Church is a haven to those

who come to Washington as government leaders, embassy officials and tourists. The Church is not an island—its ministry extends far beyond the Church itself to serve the many spiritual and material needs of the local community. I hope you will take the opportunity to visit Saint Matthews Cathedral when you are in Washington, D.C.

Please consider joining me in leaving a bequest in your will to your Church, the Archdiocese or one of our outstanding schools or programs that brings faith to reality every day in the Archdiocese of Washington. I promise—you will be blessed multi-fold for doing so. The Archdiocese Office of Planned Giving is always ready to help you with the charitable aspects of your plans. Please give them a call.