



SAINT JAMES' IN THE CITY

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Dear Parish Members,

Who knows what will happen next? In 1912 when the Reverend Noel Porter and a small number of parishioners founded Saint James' Church, they could never have anticipated the tide of history flooding in: an endless procession of wars, economic and political upheavals, startling innovations in communication and travel, and a continual, soul-searching struggle to bring more of God's creation into Christian love and respect.

But one hundred years later, would any of these struggles have made a difference to the founders of this church? People are pulled by the tides of history, but a church is a house of stone and light built to address the eternal. If the eternal is human compassion, respect for the dignity of every human being, and the love of God, then we know why, one hundred years later, Saint James in the City continues to stand.

The dedication of our forbearers has brought us to a thrilling new question. How will we prepare Saint James' in the City for the next hundred years? After long consideration and planning, the Saint James' Centennial Committee presents to you projects that will renovate our church's physical foundation as well a Mission Endowment project to reexamine and renew our mission of service to our community.

The physical renovation projects, outlined in the brochure, have been chosen to further enhance our parish and community ministries. Worship is our central ministry, so we will refurbish the chapel, the church floors, altar furniture, pews, and bathrooms. Other projects, such as installing a better sound system, a translation system, webcasting capabilities, and central heat and air in the church, will improve our technological abilities. Projects such as creating multi-lingual signage on Wilshire Boulevard, installing glass doors, and using solar energy to light the church at night will increase our presence in the Los Angeles community we serve.

The Mission Endowment project will invite our entire community to reexamine how we are fulfilling our mission. From creating economic stability to finding new ways to serve our ever-changing parish and neighborhood, we will look to the future and discovering ways to meet it.

With this letter the Saint James' Centennial Campaign begins. We respectfully request your financial support for these projects. Like the first parishioners of 1912, we have no idea what will happen next, but like our founders we also have the infallible guideposts of our faith, the love of God, and a commitment to acts of loving kindness to guide us. It is in that spirit that we prepare for the future.

Yours in Christ,
The Saint James' Centennial Committee