

June 3, 2018

Dear St. Mary Anne's Family,

The purpose of the letter to put the Dream Big – Leave a Legacy college scholarship fund in context. First, we (the children of Elizabeth and Harold Flood) wanted to do something in memory of our parents at the parish they called “home” for last portion of their lives together. Secondly, in talking with Fr. John he mentioned one of his dreams to me, for now for the second time, which is to have an endowment fund that would be used to help with the ever-increasing cost of college education.

Reflecting on Fr. John's dream, we realized this was the right thing to do, in the right way. Simply put education embodies everything our parents taught us. It was their most important gift to us and now lives on within us and their grandchildren. The value of education is best summarized by Nelson Mandela, “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” We could think of no better way to memorialize our parents than to share the gift of education for generations.

As a family from multiple generations of Episcopalians our parents truly believed we have an obligation to live our Baptismal Covenant. So it is the “Dream Big – Leave a Legacy” college scholarship fund is founded on the following three beliefs:

- First, we have an obligation to live our Baptismal Covenant and an essential element of this covenant is to “respect the dignity of every human being.” The “Dream Big – Leave a Legacy” fund is an opportunity for each of us to live our Baptismal Covenant and uphold the “I will, with God's help” response to the questions in our Covenant.
- Secondly, education is a key element to overcoming many societal issues.
- Third, every person has the right to “Dream Big.”

The “Dream Big – Leave a Legacy” college scholarship fund is created especially for youth with big dreams who may need financial assistance to attend college. Furthermore, this fund is established with the “Big Dream” it will one day grow large enough--through the generous gifts of many--that it will annually fund one-year of college tuition from its income alone to a student that is known as a member of St. Mary Anne's parish family who has their own “Big Dream.”

Initially this fund is established with \$25,000 in the loving memory of Elizabeth Jayne and Harold Arthur Flood by their children Victoria, Rebecca, and Andrew. However, our “Big Dream” is that many people contribute to the principal and expand this memorial to include the names of your loved ones.

The “Dream Big – Leave a Legacy” college scholarship fund is founded on the beliefs described herein and these principles summarized by St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians (4:8): “Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.”

In conclusion, as Abraham Lincoln said “Upon the subject of education . . . I can only say that I view it as the most important subject which we as a people may be engaged in.” We now invite you to engage in

education by building the “Dream Big – Leave a Legacy” endowment so it may benefit many for generations. If you wish to contribute please make check payable to St. Mary Anne’s church and note the Dream Big or college scholarship fund in the memo line.

Sincerely and Faithfully,

The children of Elizabeth and Harold Flood