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Dear Friend:

On behalf of the Presiding Bishop, I am writing to ask you – as a member of the St. Ives Guild of the Diocese of New York – to participate in the St. Ives Fund. You are aware, no doubt, that The Episcopal Church in the past few years has been forced to litigate to defend and protect Church property against those who wish to secure the property on behalf of a foreign province. In each case, the Church takes this action in order to ensure that the heritage of the Church will be preserved for the Church's service to God's mission, both now and for generations to come.

As someone engaged in the legal profession, you understand that the cost of such litigation can be significant. In an effort to alleviate the pressure such litigation has placed on the Church's financial resources (which are needed for its broader mission work), the Church has recently established the St. Ives Fund, named in honor of the patron saint of lawyers.

The Fund is intended to support the Church's heritage and to decrease demands on its budgets for mission and ministry by providing financial assistance for the legal costs associated with these property litigations. In addition, the Fund will serve as a vehicle for the support of the Church, generally, by members of the legal profession and others who may wish to participate. Use of the monies accumulated by the Fund will be at the discretion of the Presiding Bishop, after consultation with the Church's Treasurer and the St. Ives Advisory Board.

We hope that you will join with us and participate in this opportunity to help the Episcopal Church by contributing to this Fund. A contribution card and return envelope are enclosed. Please make your checks payable to The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society (the official corporate name of the Episcopal Church) and write "St. Ives Fund" on the memo line of your check. The amount that you contribute is fully tax deductible.

If there are others who might be interested in participating in this Fund, please feel free to pass this information along, or let The Rev. Susan McCone, Director of Mission Funding, know whether we should communicate with them. You can reach Mother McCone at smccone@episcopalchurch.org or 212-716-6041. I look forward to hearing from you.

In Christ's service,

The Rev. Canon Charles Robertson, Ph.D.

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH CENTER



THE SAINT IVES FUND

I would like to contribute to the St. Ives Fund in the amount of:

\$5000 \$1000 \$500 Other _____

My check payable to the DFMS (please note "St. Ives Fund" on the memo line) is enclosed.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____