

# 2025 ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

Dear Beloved Saint Markan,

As we begin this year's Annual Giving Campaign, we are so grateful for your presence at Saint Mark's and hope that your experience here nourishes and supports your faith journey.

## An Exciting Year Ahead

After a period of transition and some difficult operational and financial decisions about our best path forward, we all share a renewed optimism about our vibrant future as a faith community. Whether you're a member of long standing or relatively new to Saint Mark's, now is the perfect time to connect and make a commitment for 2025.

We have so much planned for our new program year, including beloved ministries and programs that have been part of our tradition for years, along with new opportunities through **The Call to Serve** to open our doors even wider to love and serve the Minneapolis community we're so blessed to be part of.

As followers of Jesus Christ, God calls us to be disciples, to become more like Jesus – loving as he loves, forgiving as he forgives, being merciful as he is merciful. Being disciples includes generously sharing what we have been given. We all feel the call to do what we can to benefit our parish, and that includes helping to maintain and sustain our beautiful Cathedral for all the years ahead. But it's much more than that; we are also called to serve one another and the neighbors outside or doors.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind and love your neighbor as yourself.

Matthew 22: 37-39

#### Your Call to Serve

We have several shared goals for the year ahead: to maintain and expand our vital ministries, to strengthen outreach to the communities through The Call to Serve, and – in very practical terms – to maintain a balanced budget. All of it reflects our ongoing mission of ensuring we deepen our ability to build and sustain the kingdom of God.

Consideration of *your* call to serve is a deeply personal decision, guided by your faith and individual circumstances. As you prayerfully consider a financial pledge for 2025, you might commit a percentage of your income to the missions of our church, or give another amount as you are able. Whatever contribution is right for you, please know that your financial support represents a vital commitment to Saint Mark's and will be crucial to our ability to accomplish our shared goals.

## **Making Your Pledge**

Complete a pledge card for your 2025 annual contribution, by indicating your pledge for the year ahead and dropping it into the mail or into a collection plate during Sunday services.

### **Questions?**

We are blessed by your commitment to Saint Mark's and are so grateful for your financial support as we work together to care for others and help heal our world. If you have any questions, or would like to further discuss making a financial pledge, we hope you will reach out. You can also email us at **mypledge@ourcathedral.org**.

Faithfully,

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