



Beloved Saint Markans, it's time to talk about money. It may not be our favorite topic, but it's an important one.

Did You Know? Nearly 70% of our income comes from member contributions. What we give each year not only helps us maintain the Cathedral and pay our hard-working clergy and staff. It also affects how much we invest in ministry and outreach, a big part of our call as a faith community.

We Have Big Goals and We Need Your Help

In 2027, we want to pay our staff fairly and hire another priest. We've also heard you say we need to invest more in ministry and outreach to bring God's healing love to this community and to those waiting outside our doors. That's where the money comes in. To make our goals realities, we need \$250,000 more in pledges than we're receiving this year. That will take **all of us** giving what we can. That's not just about meeting financial goals, it's also about the spiritual wellbeing of our community.



What does that mean in big-picture terms? Today, we receive enough in pledges only to maintain the status quo, with underpaid staff, one full-time priest, and only small investments in our ministry and outreach. If we want to grow in the ways that God is calling us, it simply will cost more.

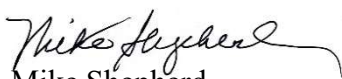
To pay for it, we can't – and shouldn't – rely on a small group of generous donors. It will take all of us, contributing what we can if we are to be more and do more in 2027 and beyond.

Making Your Pledge

With this letter you'll find your pledge card for 2027. Complete it and return it during services or with the enclosed envelope. Or you can use the online pledge form on the Annual Giving of our website, ourcathedral.org. There, you also find tools to help you determine the pledge that's right for you. Please make your pledge no later than **Sunday, November 1, 2026**.

Questions? Email us at mypledge@ourcathedral.org. Thank you for your commitment!

Faithfully,


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