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Church of St. Edward † Bloomington, MN

I/We are pleased to support The 40th Anniversary Fund. I/We are aware this is a declaration of intent and is not legally binding.

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Please make checks payable to: **The 40th Anniversary Fund**
Please Indicate Your Intentions Below

My (our) pledge to The 40th Anniversary Fund: \$ _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Balance Due: \$ _____

Please check the box next to how you would like to fulfill your intention over three years:

Monthly Quarterly Semi-Annually Annually

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Payments

Please make your checks payable to: **The 40th Anniversary Fund.**

40TH ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

 *God our Creator, we give you thanks for all your blessings upon St. Edward's Parish over these past forty years.*

We give you thanks for our founding priest, Bishop Paul Dudley, who was such a pure vessel of hospitality and welcome. May his spirit continue to inspire us with simple joy and love.

We give you thanks for the founding members who were inflamed with a spirit of participation and generosity. Grace us anew with that same fire!

We give you thanks for all your good gifts and acknowledge that all we possess comes from you. Empower us to be good stewards, sharing our resources with all those in need, as well as for a House fit for your worship.

We give you thanks for your guidance as we answer the call to share even more generously from the wealth of our resources. Refresh our hearts with enthusiasm and energy so that we may continue the legacy of our past, while we pave the way for the future.

*We make our prayer through Christ our Brother.
Amen.*

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PASTOR'S COMMENTS

Dear Parishioners,

"Do not give up if trials come and keep on praying. If any of God's people are in need, generously share with them; and make hospitality your special care." Romans 12: 12-13. This is a partial quotation from Bishop Dudley's favorite scripture passage, a passage that we read together at the Masses celebrating our 40th Anniversary on the weekend of October 13 – 14. What became clear to me as we gathered and witnessed the extraordinary contributions of both our parish founders and those who followed is: the people of St. Edward's have adhered to St. Paul's message – perseverance, hospitality and stewardship have been watchwords for us. The spirit these words represent enticed us to commemorate our 40th Anniversary in a special way – with **The 40th Anniversary Fund – Celebrating our Past, Enhancing our Future.**

The 40th Anniversary Fund is an opportunity for all of us to acknowledge the wonderful gifts this parish has given us and insure those gifts for those that follow. Our founders believed strongly that our parish would prosper and grow – so much so they gladly invested their prayer, their time and talents and their money. Their dedication to stewardship took hold and has remained a mainstay of our parish identity and life. It is this dedication to stewardship as a way of life that gives me confidence that the fund will be enthusiastically supported by members of St. Edward's.

Let me tell you more about the fund. First, it is not a campaign. Families and individuals will not be solicited directly for contributions. As with our Stewardship program what each of us gives is between us and God. In fact, we suggest that you use your gifts to stewardship as a guide in deciding what to give to the fund. Give that amount over a period of up to three years.

Second, nearly all of the projects are about the future. This is a time to invest in the future in gratitude for what has been received in the past.

Third, participation is important. I hope every parishioner will give to the fund. Involvement is key.

There are five priorities for which our goal is \$1,500,000. Here is a short description of each:

GATHERING SPACE RENOVATION – Remodeling this space would allow us to have improved communication without the clutter – no more tables and easels cluttering the narthex. Simple things like storage cabinets, flat screen TV with scrolling announcements and improved bulletin boards will be added. There will be a Bishop Paul Dudley dedication wall, as well. Estimate: \$100,000.

CAPITAL PRIORITIES – In a mere 3 to 6 years, our roofs and roof-based heating and cooling units must be replaced. We can get better lighting at a reduced cost by replacing the church lighting system. As good stewards of the environment and to save costs, we are looking into solar energy panels. Estimate: \$750,000.

ORGAN CONSTRUCTION – The original design of the organ was scaled back at the time of installation. Finishing the project would correct its limits in volume, tonal variety and richness of sound. If we could fully develop the tonal range of this beautiful instrument, think of the support it would give to our worship and liturgy. Estimate: \$350,000.

CONTINGENCIES – No plan would be complete without recognizing the need for unexpected expenditures that would otherwise deplete the resources we have for key ministries. Estimate: \$150,000.

SISTER PARISH RELATIONSHIPS – Ten percent of what is given to the fund will be shared with our sister parishes: Our Lady of Angels in Jinotega, Nicaragua, Sacred Heart of Jesus in South Minneapolis, and the Teresa Toda Home in Azua, Dominican Republic. We will help them realize their dreams including renovations, new construction, scholarships and other needs. Estimate: \$150,000

Meeting these priorities will preserve the integrity and stability of our parish both physically and faithfully. The 40th Anniversary Fund is about **Celebrating Our Past, Enhancing Our Future.** Those before us have been models of good stewardship and it is only fitting that we follow their lead and tradition.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Michael Tegeder
Pastor

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Why has The 40th Anniversary Fund been set up?

Parishioners have asked how they might commemorate the 40th Anniversary and show their appreciation for all they have received through the parish. The 40th Anniversary Fund is a way to express appreciation for these gifts while insuring a strong parish community into the future.

Q. What are the goals for The 40th Anniversary Fund?

Most important is extraordinary participation by members of the parish – individuals and families. We want every parishioner to celebrate our past by participating in our future. This participation will help accomplish our second goal – a \$1,500,000 investment to improve what we have built while sustaining it for future generations.

Q. When and how will parishioners learn about the Fund?

Information will be provided in three ways. First, Fr. Mike will announce the Fund and explain its purpose and goals in homilies. Second, information sessions held after Masses and at evening sessions during the week. Third, every household will receive a personal letter from Fr. Mike and flyers in the parish's monthly mailer.

Q. What level of giving are parishioners considering?

One suggestion, using a family's current annual commitment to stewardship as a guide, is an additional gift equivalent to one year's contribution to stewardship paid over three years.

Q. How is the fund different from a capital campaign?

Participation in the fund is strictly voluntary, there will be no direct solicitation. The emphasis is really on each parishioner's need to share resources – not the need of the parish to receive funding. We trust that parishioners will participate in the spirit of gratitude for what God has given them and what the parish has meant to them and their loved ones. One of our parish's distinguishing characteristics is its members' commitment to Stewardship as a way of life – this commitment will make the fund successful.

Q. How were the priorities selected?

Ministries and commissions suggested ways to strengthen their programs now and into the future. From these suggestions, parish leadership identified five priorities. These priorities will be funded through The 40th Anniversary Fund.

Q. What are the priorities?

The priorities are described in Fr. Mike's comments on the facing page of the brochure. They are: renovation of the Gathering Space, capital priorities, organ construction, contingencies, and Sister Parish Relationships.

Q. If the goal is exceeded, how will the money be used?

The money would be added to the existing endowments of the parish. This way, the ministries funded through endowments would be sustained in the future.

