

Joyful GENEROSITY

Giving so we can be a servant church
in the heart of the city

Thank you! This past year shows again your commitment to our Cathedral and the work God calls each of us to do. **Joyful generosity** takes place in so many ways at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral:

Worship

We thank God that worship is at the center of all we do at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. Thank you for keeping praise and prayer as our main event.

Formation

We give thanks that persons of all ages grow in faith at the Cathedral and for the many people who make this possible. There is a way for each of us!

Pastoral Care & Wellness

Thank you to all who care about our physical, emotional and spiritual health. Thank you to each of you for caring for one another.

Cathedral Campus

We are grateful for all the joyful acts of beautification around our campus and for the many improvements to our buildings and gathering spaces you make possible.

Outreach

Outreach is our middle name at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. Thank you for reaching out in so many ways to our community and a world in need. We are blessed that we can share our beautiful spaces and central location with a wide variety of not-for-profit organizations.

Community

Each of you adds to our community. Thank you! We are grateful that “wherever two or three are gathered” special occasions happen again and again with your generous acts of hospitality!

Day by Day

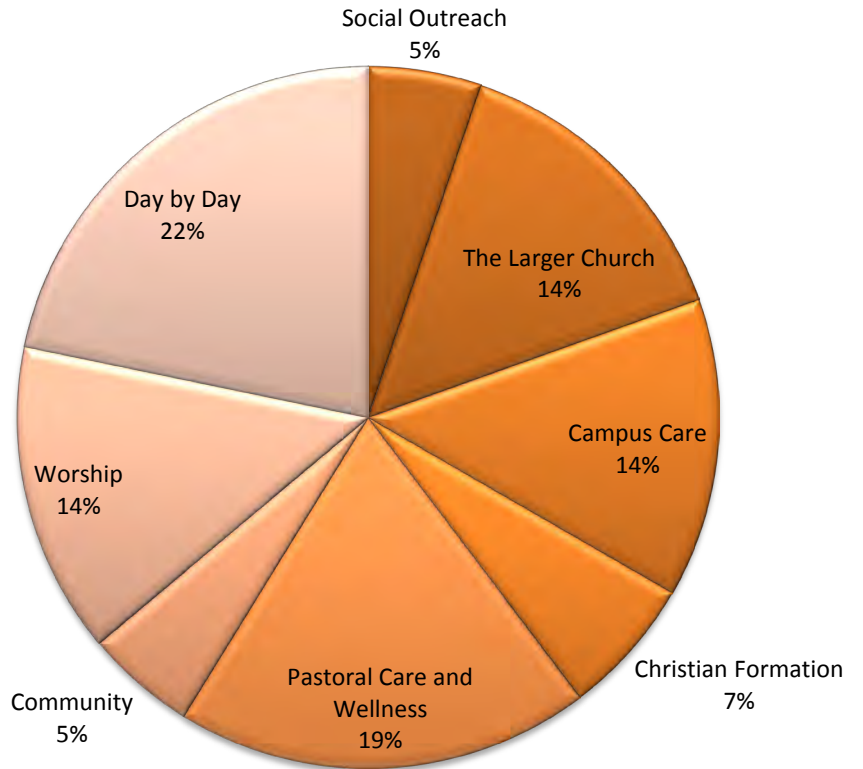
Thank you to our many volunteers and staff who make things happen so well around the Cathedral, joyfully giving of their time and many skills.

I will give thanks to my God at all times.



2014 Projected Expenditures

We anticipate allocating our funds as shown below.



Building Our Future

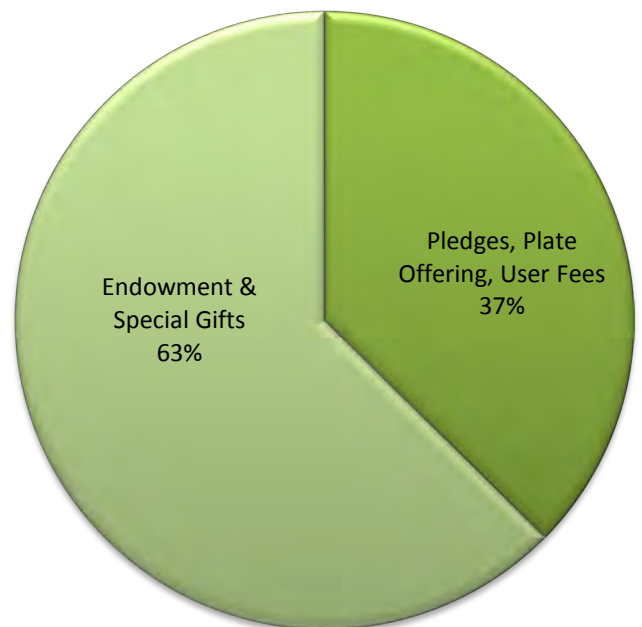
Reaching or exceeding our pledge goal of \$540,000 will allow us to hire a part-time Youth Minister, a part-time Volunteer Coordinator and an Associate Priest for Young Adults and Outreach. We would like to increase our giving 21 percent through a combination of new pledges and pledge increases.

Why Pledging is Important

In order to hire these three people, we need to plan ahead. We need to know your commitment to fulfill our mission. We need your pledge.

2014 Projected Income

The source of our funds is shown below.



I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

Psalm 86:12

From the Dean *Joyful* GENEROSITY

A True Story

“Thank you! Y’all made Christmas for me today!” The woman’s joy made a clear, crisp October morning even brighter. This “Christmas” was the fall Flu & Fleece event at the Kansas City Community Kitchen October 17. The idea was simple and brilliant. Why not provide flu shots and distribute warm clothing before winter and flu season? As projects like these go, it involved a wider circle of persons and professionals from the larger community. Our Social Outreach Committee distributed funds and collected clothing items. The Cathedral provided a heated tent, tables and chairs. Members of our congregation crafted hats and other items. There was even a fleece hat making bee held at the Cathedral earlier this fall.

“What church are you from, pastor?” the woman who declared the day to be Christmas asked me. “Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, at the corner of 13th Street and Broadway,” I replied. “Oh,” she said, “I know that church. It’s a good church!” What a reputation to have in the community! It was Christmas in the true sense of the idea that day.

We Are Generous

Why is church “good?” One thought that comes quickly to mind is that Christ is real and present among us as a people gathered to receive and to give. It’s the long term joyful generosity that is part of the spiritual DNA of our congregation. Throughout our congregation’s history, there is an ongoing witness to generosity. Whether it be responding to human need around us, giving annually to support meaningful programs or establishing endowments to assure future ministry in this place, all is made possible through generous givers and generous giving.

We Need Your Help

As a congregation, I believe we are being called to a new time of joyful generosity. We would like to grow our pledge income by 21 percent: increasing this income source to \$540,000 (from \$446,453). This is the time for our Cathedral to continue growing and become an even more vibrant “good church” and to reach out in new ways to our neighborhood.

To grow we should hire a part-time Youth Minister, a part-time Volunteer Coordinator and an Associate Priest for Young Adults and Outreach. To do this we must increase our annual stewardship pledges. We need to rely less on endowments for day-to-day operations. It is our responsibility now to be good stewards of our church. Our endowments must serve a different purpose: to secure our future.

Thank you for taking time to think and pray about your commitment to Christ’s kingdom through the Cathedral. Let’s work together to make every day even brighter. We dedicate our pledges November 10, Commitment Sunday. With God’s help may we be a church known for its goodness and joyful generosity in the heart of Kansas City.

I want each of you to take plenty of time to think it over, and make up your own mind what you will give.

God loves it when the giver delights in the giving.

2 Corinthians 9:7

Eight good reasons why we pledge

Here are what some of our parishioners are saying about why they pledge:

1. This place means a lot to me.
2. Pledging shows my thankfulness to God.
3. I want to support the Cathedral.
4. It's important for the growth of the church.
5. I want our clergy and leaders to know that I am behind them.
6. I want to support the Cathedral's mission and outreach.
7. It's part of my Christian responsibility to give and to tithe.
8. Giving gives me joy.

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