

My 2018 Pledge as a Member
of the Church of the Transfiguration

Name: _____
(please print)

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

I / We Pledge
With Thankfulness to God:

\$ _____ weekly

\$ _____ monthly

\$ _____ quarterly

\$ _____ as I can

I would like Pledge Envelopes

Yes

No

I plan to E-Pledge:

Yes

No

(signature)

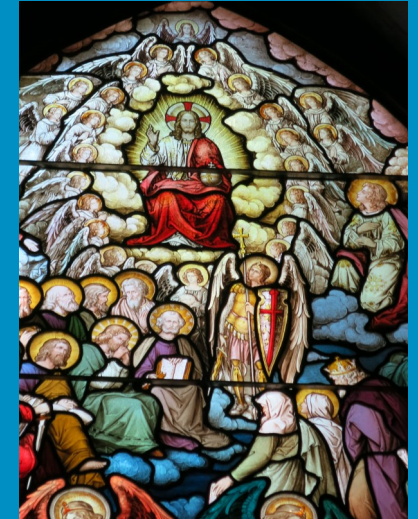
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2018 Pledge Campaign



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Dear Members and Friends of our Parish Family,

It is a privilege to ask you to make a financial pledge for the year 2018.

Pledging changes everything! When I first pledged a tithe to a parish, my life was formed by it. It had to be! Jesus talks, again and again, about the immensely intimate relationship between money and our “everything else.” It isn’t magic or gimmick - it’s simply one of the central spiritual principles of our Lord’s teaching. When we connect money to our faith, priorities get rearranged. Why? Because money IS spiritual.

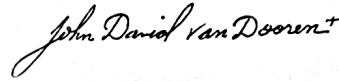
We might compare the connection between money and spirit to our Lenten discipline of connecting food and spirit! When we give up a particular food that we love for the 40 days of Lent, we never forget that it is Lent, do we? Indeed, our appetite reminds us hourly of our small sacrifice. Similarly, money and spirit are connected! “Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also” (Matthew 6:21).

The spiritual goal for this year’s pledge drive is 100% participation by our parish. For those who find themselves unable to commit to a particular pledge amount due to unemployment or financial restriction, an “open pledge” is recommended. No one should be excluded from being a pledging parishioner! For others who can, an amount that is personally achievable is requested. We can always exceed our pledge, but the budget

will be tied to our pledge commitment, and our vestry wants to be a good steward of all our commitments.

If every parishioner commits to a pledge, as he or she is able, I believe with all my heart that we will be able to live and minister within our means with a proud and loving determination.

Thank you for your consideration in support of our parish.



The Rev. Fr. John David van Dooren, Rector



Stewardship Goals for 2018

100% participation
Total pledge goal: \$200,000

Why Pledge?

Pledges represent a significant source of income for the parish. Pledge income helps us to:

- offer praise to God through vibrant liturgy and a challenging and inspiring program of sermons and Christian Education,
- maintain our historic building and a garden that provides rest and peace in a hectic city,
- maintain and grow our much-beloved music program, and
- continue our inspiring history of work for those in need.

The act of commitment in pledging is far more important than the amount pledged.

We hope every member of the congregation will join us in making a pledge.

We also hope that, as you contemplate your pledge, you will consider proportional giving (for example, giving 2%, 5% or 10% of income). If our pledge is proportional, regardless of what happens to our income, we are honoring God with the same percentage of what we earn. Please think and pray about how proportional giving fits into your financial situation and spiritual life.

God has blessed us and our parish, and our pledges of support are an opportunity to give back to God and his Church in thanksgiving. We invite each of you to help Transfiguration continue its mission and ministry by making a pledge to the Church.

Joyfully present your pledge by placing the form in the offering plate or by sending the form to the parish office.