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THANK YOU.



DEAR FRIENDS,

Your continued support of Saint Ignatius, especially since that fateful spring of 2020, has allowed us to flourish when so many religious institutions have faltered. We are stronger now in all the marks that indicate a vital and thriving parish. We have inspiring liturgy and music centered in the sacrament that makes us one with God in Christ. We have strong lay leaders who have been faithful stewards of our property and finances, completing and exceeding the goals of our Saint Ignatius at 150 Capital Campaign, all the while maintaining and enhancing our historic property. Our education programs enrich our spirit and teach us about our faith, and our outreach programs engage the wider world. Ultimately, we know who we are: a fully inclusive, historic Anglo-Catholic Church where everyone is welcome. As a living Christian community, we stand as a beacon of love and light into our city. We hope that you will make a pledge to Saint Ignatius of Antioch for 2024 with a sense of thanksgiving for the gifts we have received here together and expectation of a bright future.

Faithfully yours,

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ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP
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AS THE VESTRY PLANS the 2024 budget, we ask you to consider a faithful commitment of financial support for our beloved community. In 2024, pledges from parishioners like you will have a bigger impact on our operating budget than at any time in the past three decades.

We're proud that, with your steadfast support, the church has put the double crises of 2020 – Covid and the loss of our principal tenant – behind us. After several difficult years, we expect, in 2023, to pay all our bills from current revenues, without drawing on our reserves. This is possible because of your ongoing annual support as well as your generous participation in the Saint Ignatius @150 Capital Campaign, which allowed us to pay off our loans. This year we have benefited from increased income from outside music groups and television shoots, and the active participation of parish newcomers.

This year's success leaves us poised for a more certain financial future. But we need your help. The church is facing the same pressures you are. Like you, we've seen the cost of our budget basics – cleaning and office supplies, building maintenance – rise relentlessly. In 2024, our health and liability insurance premiums will increase by 7%, our utility



OUR PLEDGING GOAL for 2023 is \$230,000. The amount reflects our confidence inspired by the growth of stewardship over the past three years, thanks to the heartening increase in new pledges, as well as a generous response from existing pledgers who increased their contributions to meet our needs. Every parishioner has played a part in maintaining the vibrancy of our worship and the strength of our community, and we are deeply grateful. Please consider giving monthly through automatic debits or via PayPal (which can be accessed from the church website). The number of parishioners enrolled in these payment plans grew significantly in the past three years, and has helped us meet our ongoing expenses.

costs will increase 14%, and we anticipate expenses for soup kitchen supplies, which rose 7% in the past year, will continue to rise.

Pledge revenue from you, our members and friends, is the single largest and most important source of support for the church's operations. A year ago, your pledges covered 50% of our budgeted expenses. While we continue to actively pursue grant and rental income opportunities, in 2024, pledge income will cover an even larger share of our operating budget. Every pledge, large or small, makes a difference in maintaining our common life and in keeping our community strong, now and in the future.

Your support has helped our church meet recent financial challenges with resilience and creativity. Whatever amount you can pledge, your commitment to the life of our parish assists us tremendously in making wise allocations of our resources to meet the challenges ahead.

In gratitude,

HOPE LAMPERT &
HOLLY HUGHES, WARDENS

CLIVE MCKEEF, STEWARDSHIP CHAIR

