



Nurturing St Aidan's in 2025

2025 Parish Pledge Campaign



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St Aidan's 2025 Pledge Form

A) How is God calling you to contribute financially to St Aidan's in 2025?

Name(s): _____

My/Our financial pledge including PAR*/CanadaHelps for St Aidan's in 2025 is as follows (Complete One):

\$ _____ total annual contribution, or

\$ _____ monthly contribution, or

\$ _____ weekly contribution

*I wish to be contacted to increase my PAR for 2025

B) How is God calling you to serve at St Aidan's in 2025?
Check the ministries you hope to support:

Fellowship & Community (ex: Welcoming Newcomers, Coffee Time & Events)

Outreach & Mission (ex: Refugee Ministry, Heron Emergency Food Centre, Advent/Lent Outreach Projects)

Worship (ex: Reader, Sidesperson, Choir, Intercessor, Server, Greeter/Sidesperson)

Faith Formation (ex: Sunday School, Book & Bible Studies, Personal Reflection)

Parish Support & Admin (ex: Bazaar, Fundraisers, Rentals, Parish Council, Finances, Gardening, Property)

Prayer (ex: Praying for St Aidan's, parishioners, clergy, diocese, community, and world)

St. George Cemetery

Thank you for your ongoing support of St Aidan's through PAR, Envelopes, E-Transfers, and CanadaHelps.

Instructions to Participate in St Aidan's 2025 Pledge Campaign

- 1) Prayerfully complete the Pledge Form on the back of this page. This will help St Aidan's plan for and nurture our ministries in 2025!
- 2) Detach the form from this document along the dotted line.
- 3) Fold and place your pledge in the Pledge Box, in St Hilda's Room just outside of Rev. Rosemary's Office. *Please return by Sunday, October 20, 2024.*
- 4) Please note that your information will remain confidential. You can also adjust your pledge or givings at any time throughout the year; it is not necessary to inform the Stewardship Team.

For any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Stewardship team:

Kathryn Noel, Paul Gover, Phil Charko, or Rev. Rosemary Parker.

Thank you for your participation in St Aidan's 2025 Pledge campaign, which will touch the lives of many and help make it a great success!



Participation is the Goal

Building on the success of our 2024 campaign, our primary objective for 2025 is to have every individual within our congregation participate in this campaign by submitting the attached form. Simply by doing this, you are indicating you support our current and future ministries. Even if you choose only to submit your name, and prefer to leave the rest of the form blank, it demonstrates that you are making a firm commitment to St. Aidan's. Count yourself in!

Financial Stewardship

As seen in the recent past, significant increases in operating expenses have challenged our budgets, including charitable donations. To assist Parish Council in developing a responsible stewardship plan, we ask that you prayerfully review your financial gifts to St. Aidan's for 2024, and provide us with a projection of what you might be able to contribute in 2025. Please be assured that this would merely be an indication of what you hope to give, rather than a firm commitment. We understand that personal circumstances can change. This information will be held in total confidence and not shared beyond one or two trusted members of the Parish.

Volunteerism

We are all part of this church family, and we all want our beloved St. Aidan's to be welcoming and to thrive! Many of our members do so much towards achieving these goals. Within the church, our worship services are enriched by these gifts. The wider community gains significantly as volunteers take part in our outreach activities. Would you also be willing to contribute your time and talents? Using the Pledge form, let us know how you hope to serve God within the Church this coming year!



Background

In April 2023, a Visioning Day was held here at St. Aidan's. Ideas were put forward to reenergise our ministries, such as developing more social activities and fostering our strong music program. Projects directed to engaging with the broader community and enhancing the look of our church and grounds would have an impact beyond our congregation. Instrumental to any success would be a cadre of willing volunteers and sufficient financial resources. Looking at establishing this pool of volunteers and necessary funding, St Aidan's Stewardship Team was launched!

As a result, our Stewardship Team has introduced a series of new ideas, including

- A Legacy Giving Sunday
- PAR tokens for the offertory
- A process to establish a Parish Endowment fund
- A Ministry volunteer job fair
- A new, annual Pledge Campaign

Although pledge campaigns are in place in many parishes, this was a new and bold initiative for St. Aidan's. Beginning with a start-up breakfast and concluding with a celebratory cake, the four-week campaign was very successful. We had participation from 60% of our parishioners, an excellent beginning that reflects the level of trust and confidence in this parish!