



Dear St. Thomas Family,

It is that time of year when we see the leaves changing, feel the coolness in the air, and experience the sights and sounds of the holidays unfolding before us. We find ourselves pondering how the year has gone by so quickly. As we reflect on all the accomplishments of the past year, *THANKFULNESS* is what comes to mind. We want to personally thank you for being a blessing here at St. Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal Church and School.

We truly have many blessings here at St. Thomas. The dedicated support from you and our growing congregation have helped us all in immeasurable ways. We are seeing growth with many new families that you have made feel so welcome. We have not only grown but developed new ministries to foster personal growth and meaningful fellowship. We can continue to count our blessings, but we can't help but recognize the support each of you has given just by being here in worship, fellowship, hospitality, outreach, stewardship and service to others. We are truly thankful for YOU!


We are grateful for your pledge this year. With your contribution we are able to carefully plan our budget as God's unbounded love encourages us to open ourselves to new possibilities. We continue our goal to become a self-sustaining parish without financial assistance from the diocese, while working to implement a vital mission of service in the Temecula Valley. This year we were able to maintain our budget and can report many accomplishments, including:


- CELEBRATED Father Tim's first year as our Vicar!
- RECOGNIZED our wonderful school for serving our community and operating at near capacity!
- LAUNCHED Stephen Ministry to offer high-quality, one-to-one Christian care!
- ESTABLISHED our Women of Worth (WoW) fellowship and A Spiritual Journey for Women ministry!
- HIRED our own Administrative Assistant!
- INCREASED our pre-school teachers' salaries as our student enrollment increases!
- CREATED a budget that supports each of our ongoing ministries!

We are asking you to make a pledge of financial support for 2019 so we may prepare our budget as God inspires us to do. Please begin thinking prayerfully, progressively, and proportionally about giving. Now is the time to say, this is *my* church family and it is an important priority. It is where I receive *my* spiritual nourishment. It is the place that challenges me to live beyond the voice of culture to the freer life of faith. May you give generously to the church's ministry and mission this year. May you know the joy of giving and the satisfaction of knowing what an important presence the episcopal church is in the world.

On Sunday, November 18th we will celebrate "Ingathering", also known as Pledge Sunday. On this day we will collect and present our pledge cards to God and ask His blessing over our stewardship and upon the future of our church. Please complete and sign the enclosed pledge card and return it to the church. It is with extreme confidence in the faithful giving of this strong congregation that we write this letter requesting your pledge for 2019. Together, we will continue our path to become a church that lives in faithfulness to share the love of God!

In Christ's Service, the 2019 Pledge Drive Team,


Timothy True
Vicar


John Crawford
Senior Warden

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