



Dear Friends and Members of St. Mary's,

Everything will be different this next year. Our relationships with God, to each other and to the Cathedral are too important to do it the same way. We missed the mark in last year's attempts to gather pledges. **For 2019, the leadership of St. Mary's is doing it all differently.**

Here are three specific changes:

- 1.) The Vestry is committed to balancing the 2019 budget through our financial pledges with no more than 5% income taken from endowment. This means no additional resources taken from corpus of the endowment.
- 2.) We will not ask the Vestry for additional gifts to fund the operating budget after the annual appeal is complete.
- 3.) Spiritual presentations about tithing, the joy of giving and the Cathedral's annual financial needs will be offered for all giving members.

Your vestry has a special request – each of you attends one of the spiritual presentation before you consider your 2019 commitment. We want to make it a necessity that we all share the same language and information as we dream of the blessings to come. Six different times for the same 50-minute presentation will be offered. Please see the schedule below:

Sunday, Sept 30 12:30pm Sisters' Chapel

Sunday, Oct 7 12:30pm Sisters' Chapel

Saturday, Oct 13 10:30am Sisters' Chapel

Wednesday, Oct 17 6:30pm Sisters' Chapel

Sunday, Oct 21 10:00am Martyrs' Hall

Sunday, Oct 28 10:00am Sisters' Chapel

RSVP for sessions here: <https://form.jotform.com/82555253954161> or at the kiosk in Martyrs'

Hall. Contact Allison Musick at amusick@stmarysmemphis.org for questions about session sign-up.

For 2019, we hope to rise even higher for St. Mary's and for each other. We are so excited about the spirited direction of the Cathedral. You, your friends, your families and your gift matter tremendously.

Andy Andrews, Dean