

St. Mary's Cathedral

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Thanksgiving for Our Common Ministry

Dear Good People of St. Mary's,

Forever, I shall give thanks for our common ministry together these last 11 years. My oh my how we have exercised the Spirit's gifts, those St. Paul describes in Galatians 5:22-23: "Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." The Andrews family has had the experience of a lifetime in this beloved city of Memphis! I've experienced Jesus most everyday at St. Mary's -- the Risen presence made known over and over again in the most unlikely persons. It has been a real joy. We leave you lost in wonder, love and praise.

Your generosity together with the continued inspiration of God is the key to the robust mission of St. Mary's for 160 years. Enlightened people like you have always given more than you felt you could to keep the red doors open for many who claim the Cathedral as one of the more sacred spaces in Memphis. You are the faithful people who know that mission is worthy. Thank you for fulfilling your sacred obligation to God through this faith community. Your gift of self and treasure are making a beautiful and holy difference.

We had the privilege of enjoying true partnership of priest and faithful people, and we are given the promise that this opportunity will arise for each of us again and again. Together, we made God's love known in a fresh way. Our paths have been gloriously intertwined. We will be infused with some radiance of one another indefinitely.

In 2019, St. Mary's is healthy and flourishing, averaging close to 260 attendees on Sundays. Its next season is in the exquisite care of the Vestry, our Bishop Diocesan, the Right Reverend Don Johnson, our Bishop Elect, the Rev. Phoebe Roaf, and each of you who remain committed to furthering the mission of being a house of prayer for all people. The Cathedral is stacked with brilliant clergy and a talented staff. They are committed to continually supporting you towards the most meaningful and abundant Christian life.

St. Mary's is a symbol of God's radiance for Memphis. Its mantra has always proclaimed the goodness of God and the blessing of being an audacious follower of Jesus. May you always know you sparkle! It has been the greatest honor and joy to serve with you.

Yours in Hope,



The Rev. Andy Andrews