

Vision 2020 Fall Appeal

Community and Compassion at St. Andrew's

Vignette #8 – Caring for Each Other

In previous Vignettes, we recounted ways that St. Andrew's provides help to those in need beyond our walls. Today, we focus on St. Andreans helping St. Andreans -- there will always be days when any one of us could use a bit of support. Through our Ministry of Pastoral Care, we are there for our fellow Congregants through all of life's joys, sorrows, and transitions.

Our Special Communion services that occur each Spring and Fall give Congregants who are not able to get out quite so often a chance to celebrate their faith and enjoy a time of refreshment and fellowship with other St. Andreans.



The Christmas season can be difficult for many. Over the past two years, the ministry has offered workshops on grief, both for people who are going through a difficult time themselves as well as those who are trying to support them. Then on the longest night of the year, we hold a Blue Christmas service, recognizing the fact that, for one reason or another, not all of us are feeling joyous at this time of year.

The Ministry also quietly spreads its care and compassion through the weekly delivery of the Communion table flowers and the Easter lilies following the Easter Sunday service, the prayer groups each Wednesday evening and Sunday following the 11am service, and the many visits to St. Andreans in need. Acts of kindness and support are common throughout St. Andrew's, whether it is a private conversation with Reverend Dimock or other St. Andreans at a time of loss or need, or a smile and a friendly word from a fellow Congregant that ends up brightening someone's day.

If you would like to provide additional support for what St. Andrew's is and aspires to be, please see the reverse side of this note.

Questions and Answers

Yes, I would like to provide additional support and/or get more involved in the programs and activities at St. Andrew's.

How can I do this?

There are three ways to provide financial support, and all are easy to use:

1. You can visit the Givings page of the St. Andrew's website at www.StAndrewsOttawa.ca and make an on-line donation, or
2. You can use a past-dated envelope from earlier in the year (just make sure your number is still current) – simply mark Fall Campaign on it, and place it on the collection plate, or
3. Use one of the visitor envelopes available in the pews, but be sure to provide your name and address so that we can send you a tax receipt for gifts over \$20.

Can I simply put cash in the collection plate?

Absolutely, but if you identify yourself, we will send you a tax receipt by which to receive a tax credit for up to 40% of your donation. This approach provides the same benefit to the Church, but lowers the cost to you considerably.

How can I become more involved in Pastoral Care at St. Andrews?

Feel free to contact Colleen Gushue, our Convenor of Pastoral Care via the Church office at office@standrewsottawa.ca or at colleen.gushue@yahoo.ca

Are there other ways I can help?

Yes, simply by being part of our caring community. As the Elders frequently say during the Sunday Service, your presence at St. Andrew's is a blessing to us all, and each expression of Christian fellowship, be it a conversation or just a smile, with a fellow Congregant you see every week or a Visitor who is here for the first time, is a welcome contribution.

Please note that all of the past vignettes can be found on the St. Andrew's website via a link on the home page.

Thank you for your support and God bless.

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