

## **2024 Pledge Campaign**

### **WHY INVEST IN ALL SAINTS? SMALL GROUP NOTES**

**October 15, 2023**

We know that if we give to All Saints', the funds will be used well.

All Saints' knows how to outreach.

All Saints' creates space for community.

It's easy to belong here. All Saints' holds you close and doesn't let go.

Not only does the money go to the building and the pastors, but also for people in need of food and the Church School.

Many parts of American Life and culture can be rootless. With All Saints', we have an opportunity to support an institution that lets you put down roots and tap into a history that has lasted centuries and—with your support—may provide direction for generations to come.

Good stewards of cash

- Outreach / food give away
- Caring for each other by caring for others

Children need to know a spiritual world to turn to in times of crisis,

Our building and staff support our work to make the world better.

We need to learn to share.

All Saints' models sharing and support.

Imagine doing just one deed that could provide food, clothing, shelter, and support to those in need. Consider pledging to All Saints, as that one deed will provide it ALL.

Support the Church School and the Christmas Pageant

Celebrating life of the church

Feeding our neighbors

Connecting to others

Authentically caring for each other

Building our family – a place that loves and cares for each other

Fully participatory spiritual experience

This place needs the buy-in of all its individual parts to create the whole.

Because All Saints' is grounding and centering

Because your children can go to Church School during the 9:00 service. That's important for caregivers.

We have to keep things going. So that when you need All Saints', it will be there. As a stable force and presence. Because you can come as you are.

Nice community

Our food pantry

Welcoming

You can get involved

It's not intimidating

We live the Word

Youth programs

Variety of opportunities and options to learn and connect

We support those beyond our immediate community (South Side, Mexico, Africa)

Casual environment

We love the fabulous music

All Saints' community action is meaningful. It's rooted in the neighborhood. It offers support for members of the church. There are places to connect and volunteer.

The sermons are deeply rooted in the Bible, but also address current events.

All Saints' strives to embrace diversity—in age, race, gender, and gender expression—and it doesn't feel clique-ish.

All Saints' provides a solid foundation for kids and a safe space for children.

All Saints' needs money for its budget, to reach outside and support its missions.

You invest in your home and your family. You wouldn't let your family starve or have an unsafe home. You want them to be protected.

Giving is a blessing on all levels.

All Saints' helps us to be more aware of what's going on in our community and how to plug in.

The sermons are relatable and relevant.

You're paying keep the door open behind you for others to join (not at entry)

Parish staff deserve a living wage.

In All Saints' you get:

Trust in the leadership

Stewardship (resources, time, money)

Grounded (messaging, sermons)

No discrimination

Transparent (in budgeting and fund management)

Empathy and care for things happening locally

Not being extravagant

Come to All Saints' Youth Group. Play all the best board games.

And we have local, city, and global impact.

We are not afraid to relate the gospel to what is happening today in the world, as Jacky did in her sermon.

-Contribution to the RCS soup kitchen

-Our Lawndale house project

-Enrichment through ritual and singing

-Diversity

-Moderate irreverence

Pledge to make a budget

A judgment

Everyone needs a welcoming place and this is that place in so many ways. Our pledges make that happen (including outreach to those who need it)

The image of a little girl standing on the steps holding out her arms spontaneously. (Very cinematic)

We can proudly say we have a program for all ages – and will continue to improve with your pledge.

We give because:

- All Saints' puts efforts into raising kids. Kids can start in the nursery and grow up with a cohort.
- Giving is the right thing to do
- The power of the homilies
- The services feel personal

- There's a feeling of calm, a meditative feeling. You pay for the gym to give your body what it needs; why not for your soul?

All Saints' has made every bit of difference in my life: healing past trauma, acceptance, and support. Giving means more people can be helped. True change happens at All Saints'.

Give because of the joy here and the people here.

We give because for neighbors this is a place to eat.  
A place for music, and for chips. To keep the lights on.  
To provide a living wage for staff. Because all are welcome.  
Because there are very few transactionless places in the world.  
Because our community spans income brackets. Because it's  
a way to give over management of our own personal charity.

Welcoming – regardless of when you arrive, or whether you're joining for the first time.

All Saints' will take action on issues in the city, state, country, and world.

Helping migrants from outside the US who are in need.

Providing the means for parishioners to speak out on issues – like busses to DC and car pools to United Power events.

Church school is nice, and everyone is welcome, and we have separate Atriums by age group.

Our association with RCS and other ways of contributing to the community regularly.

Donate so that we can focus better on community needs. Help support our staff and building.

Worship is joyful and uplifting.

All Saints' walks the talk.

There is aliveness, real people, and acceptance.

There are lots of ways to get involved.

Something for everyone,

Involvement in the community and social justice.

Faith AND social justice – not just one or the other.

“Episcopal 101”

Spiritually focused outreach.

Joyful and uplifting worship.

Outreach

Connections

The aliveness and acceptance is unique

The Atrium Program and Youth Group

Great music and the dedication of our musical director, Colin

Large percentage of former Catholics and how welcome everyone feels here

Investment in the physical resources

We need to maintain the building!

Meet the needs of the community

People are nice, welcoming, and down to earth

The church is open about its budget and needs

The money is responsibly managed

Many ages and demographic groups belong here