

Episcopal Diocese
of
El Camino Real



C A T H E D R A L

Established 1861

Dear Trinity Member,

As we move into the annual stewardship campaign, Dean Bird and several members have been focusing on God's generosity as it plays out through our efforts at Trinity Cathedral. As Trinity approaches its 150th Anniversary next year it is appropriate to look at the role that generosity has played in shaping the life of the cathedral in the community and the diocese. Trinity's generosity could not have been more evident at this year's diocesan convention. When Bishop Mary asked which local parishes present at the convention had been founded by Trinity, nine area parishes proudly called out their names.

Trinity's generosity extends beyond ourselves in the central role it played in helping Fr. Drino and our Sudanese members to witness the struggles in the Sudan. Charles Key outlined to us the initiative, ministry and sacrificial pledging of Trinity members that led to the founding of Our Lady of Guadalupe mission and parish which was once, arguably, the largest Latino congregation in the Episcopal Church. Alan Fong spoke to us of developing the feeding programs for less fortunate in our city and of working to make this a more hospitable church for children and families. Even as I write this there are projected new initiatives for providing food and care to the needy of this community.

Generosity, it seems, is central to ministry and shared life at Trinity. We mean what we say when we proclaim that at Trinity there is place at God's table for everyone.

But we realize that God has entrusted this cathedral parish and its ministry to us members – not to just keep – but to care for, to minister from, to strengthen, and to pass on to future generations. This is the definition of stewardship that you hear us talking about. As you have seen above many of you are responding as stewards already – volunteering to prepare meals for those less fortunate, organizing worship services, singing in the choir, playing bells, serving with People Acting in Community Together (PACT), visiting the sick, taking communion to those who are unable to come to Trinity.

Stewards also pledge part of their annual income to pay the expenses to keep Trinity and its programs going. Trinity is entirely self-supporting. Your pledges supply about half of the funds needed to keep Trinity going. Our goal this year is to raise \$250,000 in pledges.

New this year is the ability to give your pledge by VISA, MASTERCARD or AMEX. You can indicate on the pledge form if you would like to take advantage of this convenient method of giving.

As you fill out the 2011 Pledge Form we encourage you to reflect on the generosity of Trinity in its role in the community and in your lives. Please, if you can, be generous in your support of this beautiful cathedral and its mission. Return your completed Pledge Form as soon as you can by putting it in the offering plate or by mailing it to the cathedral.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Bird".

David Bird (on behalf of the Vestry)