



## **Frequently Asked Questions about Annual Pledge**

### **Why are annual pledges important?**

Annual pledges represent 60% of St. Paul's annual income. By accepting pledges prior to the budgeting process the church is able to anticipate a large portion of our upcoming revenue and budget accordingly for the coming year.

### **What is the annual operating budget?**

The 2010 annual operating budget is \$3.39 million.

### **Who can pledge?**

All pledges are welcome.

### **Is my pledge confidential?**

Yes. Access to your pledge information is limited to the Director of Stewardship and the church bookkeeper.

### **When should I return my annual pledge card?**

During the active portion of the campaign, there is a suggested return date. For the 2011 campaign, we ask that pledges be returned by November, 7, 2010. However, we will accept pledges at anytime during the year.

### **How can I pay my annual pledge?**

St. Paul's offers several payment methods to meet the needs of each parish family.

- Direct Draft – contact Laura McDaniel or Gwen Easter for details
- Envelopes – contact Laura McDaniel to request giving envelopes
- Stock Gift – contact Gwen Easter prior to making a stock transfer
- Winston-Salem Foundation or other charitable foundation grant
- Cash, Check, One-time payment

**Do I have to pay when I pledge?**

Pledges to the 2011 campaign are not due until December 31, 2011.

**Why should I pledge when I regularly put money in the offering plate?**

All monetary gifts are used to support the Church and our many important missions. Dollars committed in pledges assist in setting the Church budget while dollars that are given through the plate cannot be accounted for until they are received. If you can anticipate an amount that you will give in the offering plate throughout this year, we strongly encourage you to fill out a pledge card in that amount to help your dollars effect our ability to plan and budget for the coming year.

**Can I change my pledge?**

We understand that circumstances occur that warrant changing a pledge amount. You can do so by contacting Laura McDaniel and she will work with you to correct your pledge amount.

**If I have questions, who do I contact?**

Contact Laura McDaniel, 723-4391, ext. 211 or [lmcdaniel@stpauls-ws.org](mailto:lmcdaniel@stpauls-ws.org) and she will be happy to help you with any questions or requests you may have.