

# **Trinity Cathedral Chapter Report to Diocesan Convention 2025**

## **Stewardship of Revenue and Financial Support**

In addition to our annual Operating Budget to care for the daily needs of the Cathedral throughout the fiscal year, we have implemented the Growth Initiative Fund. This is a separate designated fund to help defray the cost of ongoing campus projects such as our new sound system and the anticipated remodeling of the first-floor bathrooms.

We continue to host the popular Candlelight Concerts, which provide much appreciated revenue for our Operating Budget. When Trinity Cathedral becomes the venue for these events, we offer hospitality by greeting attendees at the Oliver Avenue entrance and selling water at the 6th Avenue entrance. Trinity volunteers also escort the musicians to their rehearsal area and offer assistance, such as directing visitors to the restrooms.

## **Building & Grounds and Administrative Improvements**

We prioritize the care of our physical plant, continuing to maintain, repair, and enhance all of our integral facilities. This year we received a grant to upgrade our sound system in the Nave. We have engaged a new IT company and have also upgraded our phone system for both the Cathedral and Diocesan offices. Congregants have helped us to save money by painting our second-floor offices and bathroom.

This year we transitioned to a new URL [trinitypittsburgh.org](http://trinitypittsburgh.org). Relieving an ad agency, that cost us 26K annually, we created and designed in-house a new website. We are continuing to enhance our email communications and social media presence.

## **Community Engagement and Outreach**

Trinity has been an ongoing presence and contributor to ecumenical and interfaith events, such as Camp Downtown for youth. We hosted again the Overdose Awareness Day this year.

Trinity's Walk-In Ministry continues to flourish in every way: more trained volunteers, more financial support from our sister diocesan parishes as well as our downtown neighbor businesses, and most important in the growth of our clientele.

Our congregants have formed a standing Outreach Committee in an effort to reinvigorate, support, and focus on outreach efforts in addition to the Walk-In Ministry.

## **Parish Life**

Our congregational involvement within our various ministries and leadership roles has increased. We have revived Trinity's Garden Guild and Flower Guild.

## ***Celebratory Weekend June 14-15***

During the official visitation of the Rt. Rev. Ketlen Solak, she formally and officially installed our Dean Aidan Smith as the 6th Dean of Trinity Cathedral. This act was an important event in our life and ministry together as we faithfully continue to answer God's call for us.

On that Sunday we also opened the cornerstone to discover what our predecessors thought to share with us: a carefully preserved collection of 19th-century documents, newspapers, coins,

and artifacts that shed light on the civic and spiritual life of Pittsburgh during the Reconstruction era. These historic items are being archived and preserved for future study.

During the reception following, we unveiled the portraits of both Bishop Ketlen and Dean Aidan. The Saturday morning prior, June 14, Bishop Ketlen ordained Nicole Starr into the Order of the Diaconate.

***150-year Celebration and Cornerstone***

On Sunday, September 7, we resealed the 1870 cornerstone with a new 2025 time capsule in a special ceremony, which was open to the public and covered by two media outlets. The capsule includes wedding photos, letters to our future descendants, even an ultrasound of an anticipated parishioner due to be born later this year! It also includes church documents, brochures, books and will remain closed for 100 more years, to be reopened by future generations in the year 2125.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Chair of the Executive Committee