



Dear St. Anselm's Community:

September 9, 2022

Another summer has passed and it has been a busy year at St. Anselm's while we seek a new full time Rector. It's also been a challenging year for our friends at Trinity Center. They have seen days when 80 or more of our community members check in for services, seeking refuge from the streets...significantly more than 2021 when daily attendance was around 60. This higher demand for services has created both staff and resource challenges. So more than ever the Harvest Festival represents a most welcome commitment to Trinity Center's mission. Homelessness and its miseries are far outpacing Covid as the real plague of our times.

The Harvest Festival Committee will not hold a dinner auction event in October. Instead, we will build upon the internet and email campaign of the past two years. While St. Anselm's congregational giving continued to grow, it was the outreach to friends and family that catapulted 2020 and 2021 donations to \$101k and \$89k. In 2022, we will focus on expanding that outreach, even more, to those who can help.

We must ask ourselves why so many fall into lives on the streets? Governments from Washington to California have no idea what to do, so they do nothing and the epidemic grows. While many frustrated observers wring their hands in frustration, I'm proud to say Trinity Center has and is developing approaches that work. They provide a home for those who lack one. That's why more than 80 a day gather there to socialize, eat meals, take showers, wash clothes and become a part of humanity. In the winter, they can spend days at Trinity Center and nights at the winter shelter. Building human compassion while restoring self-image and dignity are critical to success.



The St. Anselm's community is proud of our long-term support to this humane outreach and eager to do what we can to continue supporting their growing needs.

Here's how you can help make the 2022 Harvest Festival address this human crisis:

1. **Simply mail or drop off a check** to the St. Anselm's office. Checks should be made out to "St. Anselm's" and footnoted "Harvest Festival". The address is: St. Anselm's, 682 Michael Lane, Lafayette, CA 94549.
2. **Send this letter** to as many friends as you feel might have interest to help with the needs at Trinity Center. If they prefer to give directly to Trinity Center, checks can be made out to "Trinity Center", footnoted "Harvest Festival" and mailed to Trinity Center, Attn: Pam McGrath, PO Box 126, Walnut Creek, CA 94597. **OR** you can contribute online by credit card or ACH ([Click here](#)) and please designate "Harvest Festival".

Let's continue to make our community an example of what can be accomplished through local support with caregivers who really do care and programs that work.

United in the Work of the Lord,

Marty Fischer
Chairman, Harvest Festival Committee

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