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1 | WHO WE ARE

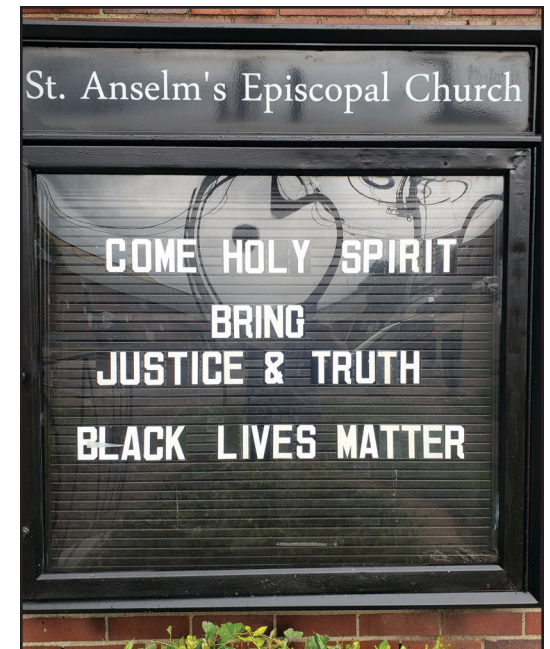
St. Anselm's Church is located in the urban heart of Nashville, Tennessee. An historically African American church, St. Anselm's was founded in 1960 as a campus ministry serving three historically black colleges and universities in North Nashville where student-led protest was instrumental in the growth of the civil rights movement across the South: Fisk University, Meharry Medical College, and Tennessee A & I University (now known as Tennessee State University).

The congregation of St. Anselm's is deeply proud of this legacy, which lives on today through our active commitment to fighting for social and racial justice and reconciliation. Members of the congregation have been instrumental in the founding of the Beloved Community: The Diocesan Commission for Racial Reconciliation.

Today this important work is bearing fruit within the Diocese and we are excited to be so centrally involved with it as part of our mission. We are looking for a priest who shares this burning passion.

At the same time, we are a small congregation needing a priest who would be excited and motivated to join us in our life and ministry together. While many families and members of the congregation

have been worshipping with us for years, we are located in an historically black community that is rapidly becoming racially and economically diverse with potential to attract new members, many of them transplants to Nashville from other cities. Therefore, we are looking for a priest inspired by our Vision Statement.



Vision Statement:

We seek to be an authentic and active church that offers the power of God’s love in Jesus Christ for all people.

Mission Statement:

The Mission of St. Anselm’s is to deepen our personal faith in Jesus Christ, to minister to each other in our church family, to serve persons in need and bring others in our various communities to faith in Christ through membership in the Church.

“77%”

Have attended St. Anselm’s for over 10 years

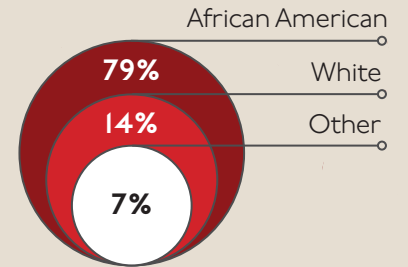
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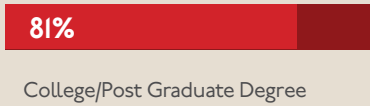
CONGREGATIONAL PROFILE

Average Sunday Attendance

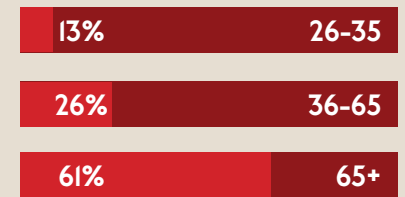
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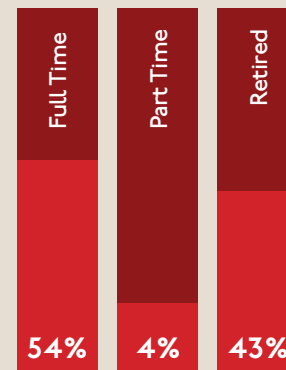
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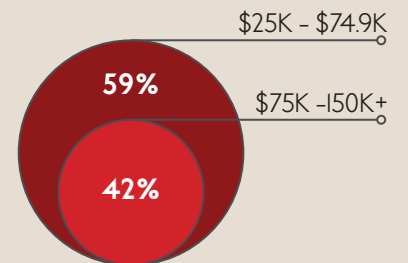
CONGREGATION BY AGE



EMPLOYMENT



HOUSEHOLD INCOME



We have one family with young children



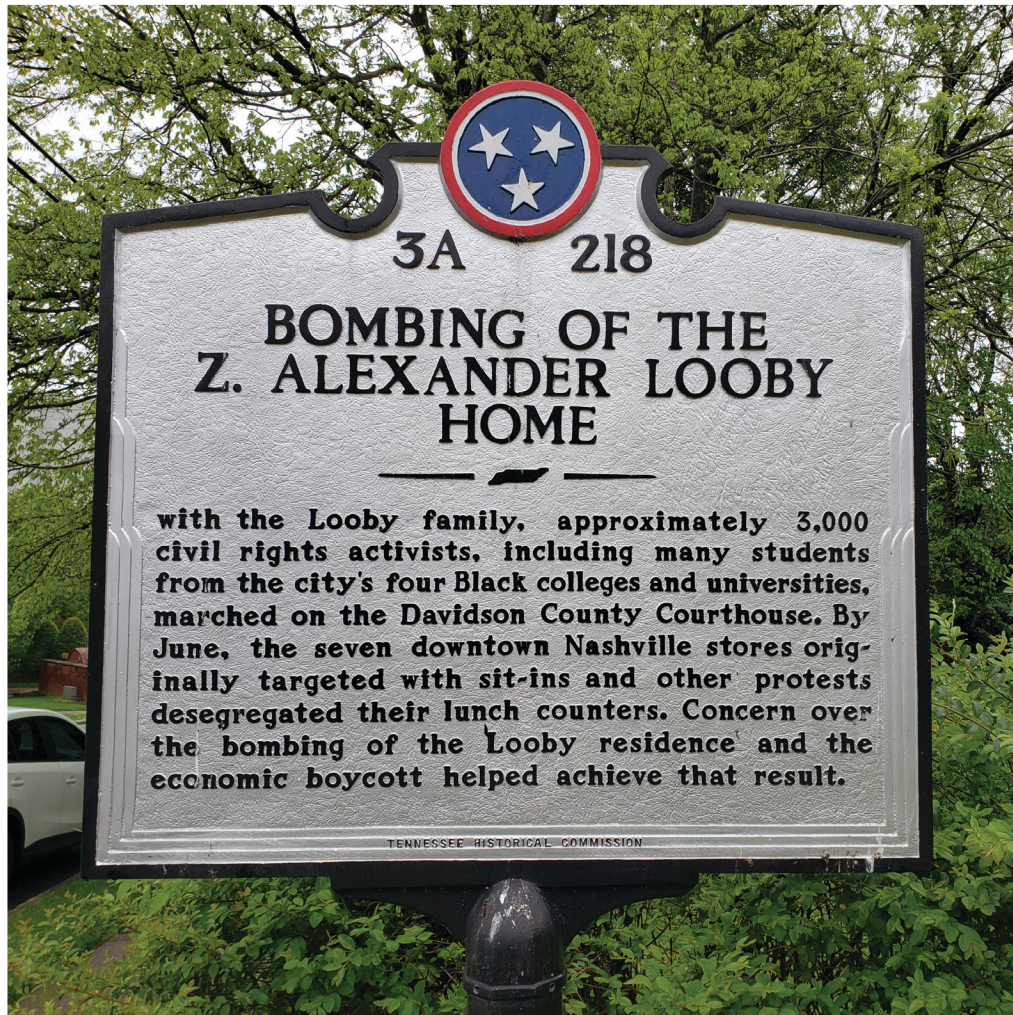
2 | HISTORY

The construction of St. Anselm's Church in 1960 was not the first effort to have an Episcopal presence in North Nashville. In 1890 a seminary for the training of black men for the priesthood was erected on the campus of Fisk University. The seminary also provided a chapel for students at Fisk and Meharry. The seminary lasted only ten years.

In 1956, an Episcopal group known as the "**Canterburians**" was formed by students at Fisk, Meharry and Tennessee A & I University. As student organizing grew, Z. Alexander Looby, a prominent Episcopalian and civil rights lawyer, negotiated the sale of property adjacent to his home and near these campuses. The St. Anselm's Student Episcopal Center was dedicated in 1960.

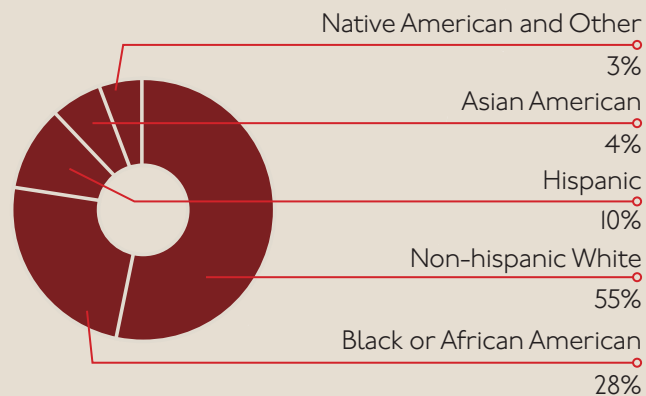
Just months later, the Looby home was bombed in retaliation for his efforts to desegregate Nashville city schools. The Looby family took refuge at the newly constructed St. Anselm's.

The first full-time chaplain, Father James E. Woodruff, arrived in September 1961. He was an activist, organizing student marches and demonstrations for racial equality. He was succeeded by five chaplains in twenty years.



3 | COMMUNITY

NASHVILLE BY RACE AND ETHNICITY



TEN LARGEST EMPLOYERS:

Vanderbilt University, Nissan North America, HCA Holdings, Inc, St. Thomas Health Services, Community Health Systems, Asurion, and the Kroger Company.



VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY



The city's population is rapidly diversifying, and a growing number of jobs, combined with its institutes of higher education have attracted a large number of immigrants in the past two decades.

Davidson County is served by the 169 public schools in the Metro Nashville Public Schools district, as well as by a large number of private schools. This includes the Episcopal School of Nashville, serving grades Pre-k through 6th and located a ten-minute drive from St. Anselm's Church in East Nashville.

Nashville is less expensive than some cities, like Boston, or Denver but more expensive than others like Houston and Atlanta.

Like many older cities, Nashville is composed of a number of distinct neighborhoods. St. Anselm's is located in the urban core of North Nashville, an historically black community. This is a vibrant, walkable neighborhood, facing the challenge of gentrification. In the 20th century, artists such as Jimmy Hendrix, Etta James, and Ray Charles played regularly in the many clubs along Jefferson Street, at its commercial heart. The building of Interstate 40 controversially disrupted North Nashville in the late 1960s, and led to its economic decline for several decades. Today, North Nashville is rapidly changing again, with many new businesses and an influx of residents to the area.



4 | OUTREACH

The congregation has an active ministry in a variety of ways.



Knowles Assisted Living Center

This ministry includes leading a monthly worship service, organizing a monthly evening of Bingo with prizes, donations of clothing from church members, special activities for Christmas and assisting with other needs of residents when possible.

Partnerships with neighborhood public schools

These include Head Middle School and Robert Churchwell Elementary School.

Holding a Thanksgiving Food Drive for Second Harvest Food Bank

Also volunteering at Inspiritus, a Lutheran Ministry (ELCA) located at nearby St. Paul's Lutheran Church.



Involvement with the diocesan “Beloved Community: The Diocesan Commission for Racial Reconciliation.”

St. Anselm’s members serve as Commission members, have been trained in anti-racism work within the diocese and serve as volunteers for events sponsored by the Commission. St. Anselm’s provides the space for the Commission’s monthly meetings.

Working with local nonprofits

We provide meeting space and many of our members serve on nonprofit boards

Financial Contributions

Fisk University, Tennessee State University and Meharry Medical College; Episcopal Relief and Development; Big Brothers/Big Sisters; Episcopal School of Nashville.



5 | WORSHIP

The principal Sunday worship is Holy Eucharist, Rite II. Currently there are no weekday services. We appreciate solemn worship but also spirited and uplifting worship.

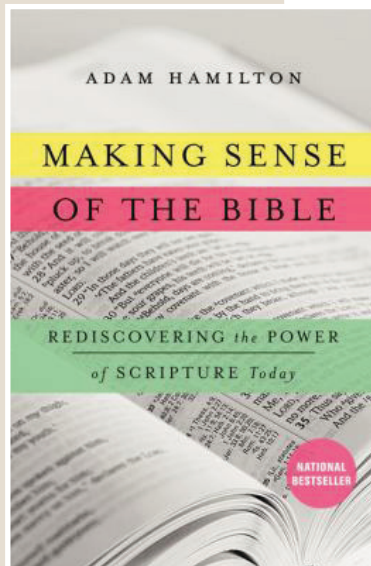




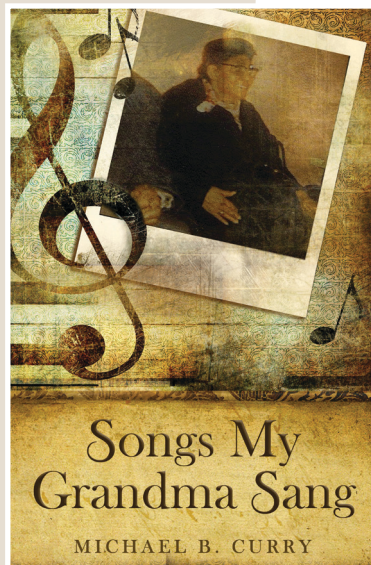


6 | CHRISTIAN FORMATION

There is an active weekly adult Bible Study and book group led by the priest, and occasionally by members, that meets on Wednesday evenings. The evening also includes a light dinner prepared by participants. This Bible Study Group has been a consistent and stable presence over the years.



**Making Sense of the Bible:
Rediscovering the Power
of Scripture Today**
by Adam Hamilton



**Songs My Grandma Sang: The
Gift of Faith Through Music**
by Michael Curry



7 | FELLOWSHIP

One of the strengths of St. Anselm's reported on our congregational survey is caring relationships. Each Sunday following worship, members of the congregation take turns providing refreshments. This fellowship hour is at the heart of our congregational life, and we take pride in making visitors feel welcome and included during this time.



We especially enjoy the fact that there are many amazing cooks among us! We have pot-luck meals for such celebrations as Mardi Gras, Thanksgiving, and before our Annual Meeting. We also will plan a pot-luck meal when we feel the need to be together for fun and enjoyment.

An Annual Fish Fry serves both as a fundraiser and as a further opportunity to share a meal.



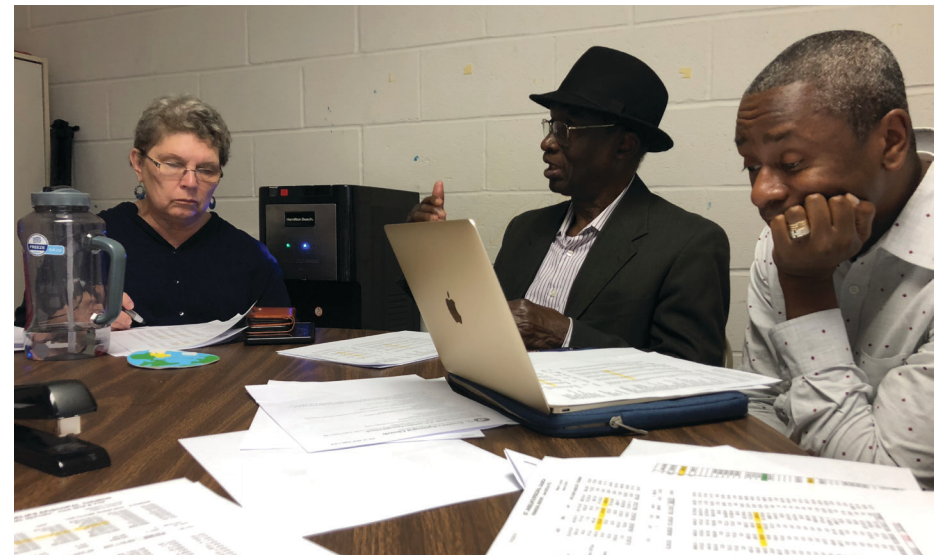


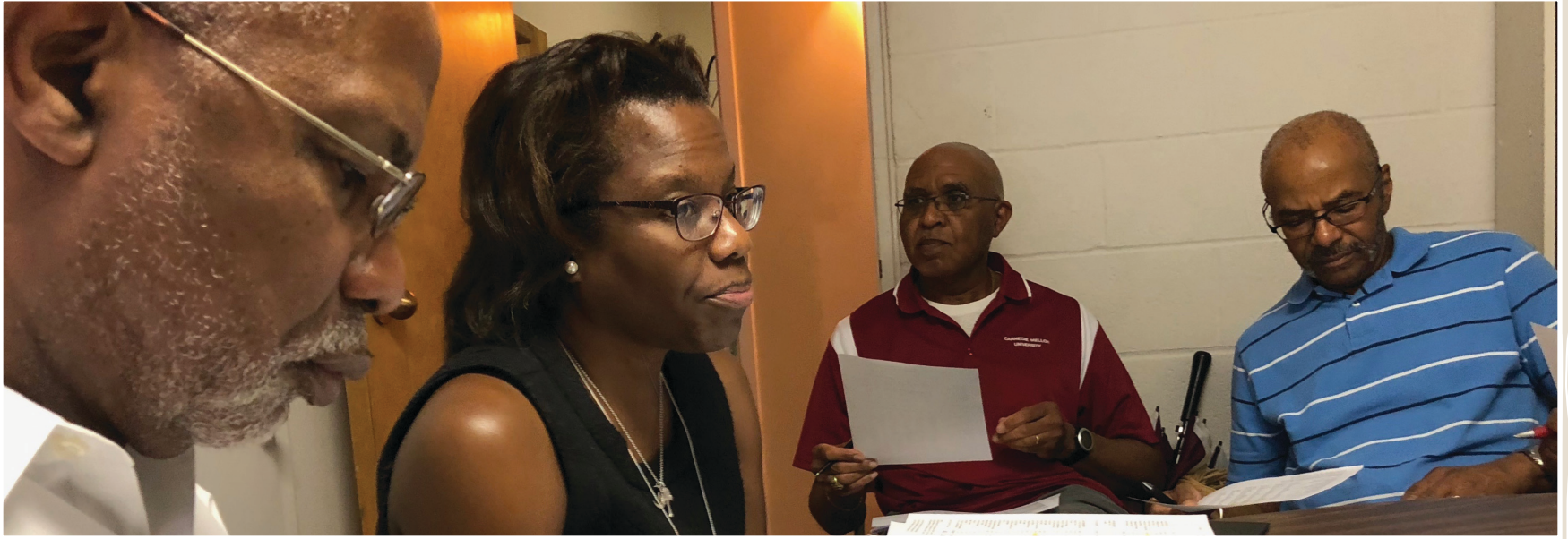
8 | FINANCES

The financial stewardship to support the life and ministry of St. Anselm's during our time of transition and COVID-19 continues to demonstrate fiscal responsibility.

The 2019 budget was \$93,000. The pledged income collected was \$51,950 from seventeen pledges. This total was 96% of the amount pledged. Pledged income is the largest income source in the budget. Unpledged income was second. Diocesan support was \$20,000.

Other income sources include an annual fundraiser, special offerings and donations from Meharry faculty, staff and students to park on the church's lot during the week. The end of the year report showed a 9% surplus over expenses.





The total budget for 2020 is \$97,730. Pledges total \$59,030 from 19 pledging units. Diocesan support remains at \$20,000. There is currently a positive and coordinated effort to meet the additional expenses of clergy compensation and to continue our congregational life and ministries.

This includes the continued support from the diocese with the possibility of increased support as a congregation engaged in campus ministry. Another income source includes a partnership with Christ Church Cathedral and the possibility of funding from the National Church.

9 | OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

As written in our Vision Statement we are committed to a future grounded in the power of the Holy Spirit to be “an authentic church that offers the power of God’s love in Jesus Christ for all people.”

We are called as a congregation to show God’s love to one another through inspirational worship, Christian Education, mutual care, prayer, and empowering members for ministry.

Our vision includes responding to the needs of others beyond our congregation by offering the love of Jesus Christ to those who are marginalized and vulnerable.

Our future is calling us to our roots as a congregation founded 60 years ago: being a viable campus ministry and seeking to ensure, through action and advocacy, racial justice and equality in our community and diocese.



PARTNERSHIP WITH CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

As we face the future, there is excitement and hope in a current plan to create a partnership between St. Anselm's and Christ Church Cathedral. This unique partnership will provide financial resources for St. Anselm and offer a greater opportunity to realize our vision. The two congregations share a passion for social and racial justice and the importance for a continued campus ministry at the three HBCU's.

What makes us hopeful about the partnership is the support of our Bishop and our Canon to the Ordinary. They are a part of this unique effort and are actively seeking ways to provide continued financial resources within and

beyond the diocesan budget. Our hopefulness is grounded not only in the shared values and exciting possibilities being discussed about our future, but from God's Word found in Ephesians 1:18

“That the eyes of our hearts will be enlightened in order that we may know the hope to which God has called us, the riches of God's glorious inheritance in God's holy people.”



10 | WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR IN A PRIEST



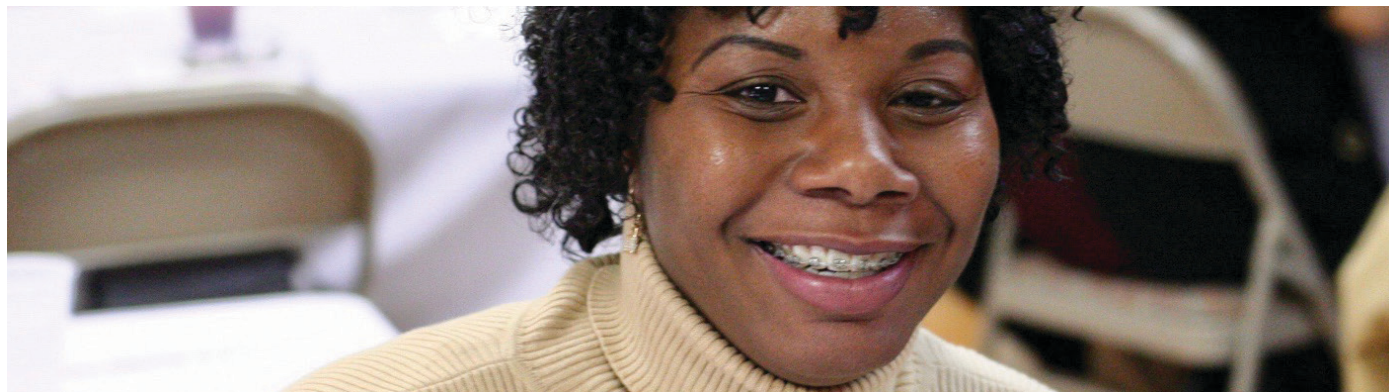
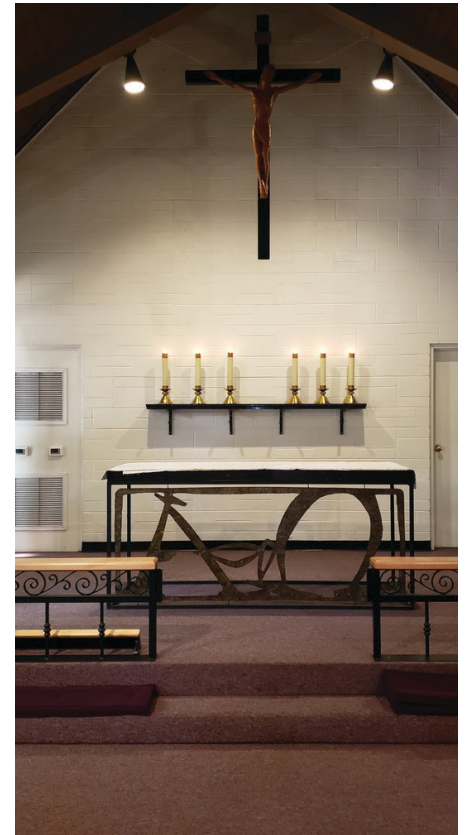


- *St. Anselm's seeks a priest with strong leadership and administrative skills*
- *We are seeking someone who can provide compassionate intergenerational pastoral care, a dynamic preacher and worship leader*
- *A teacher with confidence and gifts regarding Christian Education*
- *Someone who can teach and develop sound Christian financial stewardship*
- *A priest with a commitment and energy for campus ministry*
- *A priest with a passion for racial reconciliation*
- *A priest who has a deep faith in Jesus Christ and is a person of prayer*

We expect and support our priest to practice self-care in daily life.

Above all, we are seeking a priest who shares our vision for the future of St. Anselm's, as a Church seeking to grow both in numbers, a passion for outreach and for sharing a prophetic voice and action especially around issues of racial and social justice.

We are seeking a priest who is committed to social, economic, racial, and gender diversity, inclusion and equity and who is excited to work with other grassroots organizations on issues of social justice.



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