It’s Your Cathedral

Impact Report 2020

The Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine
Dear Friends

As we know, 2020 was a year of historic challenges. COVID-19 ravaged our city; racist violence at the hands of law enforcement took the lives of George Floyd and other Black Americans; rioters stormed the U.S. Capitol; and a shooting erupted on the steps of the Cathedral. With so many dismaying events occurring all around us, it would have been easy to retreat and wait for these hard times to pass. But it was clear to us from the start that as New York’s great Cathedral we could not stand idly by and watch our neighbors suffer. In the past year, at every possible moment and in ways we never before dreamed, we stepped up to face unprecedented challenges and to provide hope, nourishment, and inspiration to our beloved community, and in particular to those among us who are most vulnerable.

In this edition of our year in review, we recognize our donors and all that you have helped us accomplish. We also take a moment to reflect on our hopes for 2021. With the continued support of our community, we will bring people from many faiths and communities together to worship; we will expand our footprint in Morningside Heights, feeding the hungry and providing affordable childcare; and we will nourish the spirit of our city through music, art, and civic gatherings.

With much gratitude,

The Right Reverend Clifton Daniel III
Dean, the Cathedral of St. John the Divine

---

Thank You

I am incredibly proud of our team for their courageous work this year, and I am grateful for your unwavering generosity, which has made all of this possible.

- We served 55,000 fresh and healthy meals through our soup kitchen to address the growing crisis of hunger and food insecurity
- We offered the Cathedral as a site for free COVID-19 testing and held multiple blood drives, serving 228 people and saving 684 lives
- We pledged our assistance to our neighbors at Mount Sinai Morningside, continuing to offer Cathedral space for use as a field hospital and vaccination site
- We provided sanctuary to asylum seekers from different countries
- We brought people together safely through virtual gatherings and socially distanced vigils on the steps of the Cathedral
- We distributed clothing to those in need, including people without housing, individuals seeking employment, and people adjusting to life after incarceration
- We connected individuals to essential services and health and wellness education
- We launched a pastoral care hotline to provide emotional and spiritual support to those in need
- We inspired others through music and the arts via weekly concerts, performances, and other virtual programs
- We provided low-cost, high-quality childcare and after-school programs for working families and those seeking work

Thank You
Advancing the Community of Tomorrow (ACT)

In 1971, ACT grew out of the grassroots efforts of parents in Morningside Heights and the surrounding community to create a quality learning environment in the neighborhood, including preschool, afterschool, and summer camp programs. In 2020, COVID-19 presented significant challenges to our community’s parents and children. As schools closed, frontline and essential service workers were left scrambling to find childcare. Parents sought to balance working from home with managing their children’s virtual school, while children lacked social interaction critical for their development. ACT quickly adapted to meet the growing needs of the community in the following ways:

- We used the Cathedral gardens to make an outside preschool classroom for 32 families to safely gather and engage in age-appropriate activities, including yoga and gardening.
- We developed an online course that introduced young children to a school environment, and made online learning resources available to children learning at home via the Cathedral website.
- We launched a childcare and enrichment service for students in our community who are learning remotely. Parents and guardians, particularly those in the healthcare and hospitality industries, have relied on us to keep their children safe and learning during this difficult time.
- We increased financial aid availability to assist the growing number of families who are unable to pay tuition. We are determined to ensure our services are accessible to all families, particularly in a time of such hardship.

In the year to come, we are focused on securing resources to expand financial aid so that every family has access to academic, social and emotional learning programs that provide children with the skills needed to persevere through this difficult time.
Cathedral Community Cares (CCC)

CCC aims to combat and alleviate poverty through a variety of preventive services. Throughout an unprecedented year that saw a growing crisis of unemployment, food insecurity, and homelessness, CCC rose to meet our community’s needs, serving as an essential lifeline for the community’s most vulnerable:

- We served **55,000 meals**, 20,000 more meals than in 2019. Unlike many soup kitchens in NYC, our meals included high-quality, fresh fruits and vegetables that were pre-packaged to ensure the health and safety of our clients and volunteers.
- In partnership with Columbia University Food Services and City Harvest, we distributed more than **90,000 bagged meals** over a four month period to people in need.
- We distributed clothing to **5,000 individual clients**—a 66% increase from 2019—including many who were recently released from prison. Amid a historic unemployment crisis, we helped prepare thousands of clients for job interviews by providing professional attire, coaching, and advice.
- We distributed more than **1,000 hygiene kits**, which included toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, and shampoo.
- We connected individuals to essential services through information, targeted referrals, and health and wellness education.

In 2021, with the pandemic still ongoing and continuing to disproportionately impact the most vulnerable in our community, we plan to serve even more clients and continue to build the Cathedral’s legacy of grace and generosity.
The Congregation of St. Saviour is an active Christian community that calls the Cathedral home. Through dues and volunteering, our group is guided by faith to support many Cathedral endeavors such as Cathedral Community Cares, marching in support of Black Lives Matter, and the Queer Liberation March. During the pandemic, the Congregation was able to remain active and to worship regularly, albeit virtually. Congregation members supported one other and the community at each stage of the pandemic:

- We helped secure COVID-19 vaccines for elderly and at-risk members.
- We connected to the wider Episcopal Diocese of New York through the reading and discussion of Ibram X. Kendi’s book *How to be an Anti-Racist*.
- Together with Cathedral Liturgy and the Arts and Cathedral Music, our members helped support the recording of Sunday services each week, helping meet our community’s spiritual needs.

In 2021, we look forward to convening at the Cathedral once again. We will continue to walk in the path of Jesus Christ by creating a community of acceptance, love, and action.
Cathedral Music

Music is a central part of sacred and secular life at the Cathedral, accompanying our Sunday worship services and offering a year-round array of concerts ranging from classical choral compositions to contemporary world music. Heading the Cathedral’s music program is the Grammy-nominated Kent Tritle, one of America’s leading choral conductors. He also serves as the Music Director of Musica Sacra, New York’s oldest choral society, and the 200-person choir at the Oratorio Society of New York. Partnerships with the New York Philharmonic and the Manhattan School of Music help position the Cathedral at the center of New York City’s classical music scene.

• Even though the community was unable to gather in person, we knew from the start of this pandemic that in a time of isolation and distress, music would provide much-needed solace.
• We worked tirelessly to produce online worship services and weekly virtual events, including a livestreamed Tuesdays at 6 recital series, which averages 70 live audience members each week and 1,000 post-performance views.
• We initiated the prestigious Organ Scholar program, which provides real-world Cathedral choral experience to the holder. Samuel Kuffuor-Afriyie, our first Organ Scholar, is working on adapting Ghanaian traditional music to organ compositions.
• We grew the Cathedral Choristers, an ensemble made of Cathedral School students, to more than 30 children, with the goal of keeping choral music alive at the church and in our neighborhood.

In 2021, with the support of Friends of Music and others, we will continue to provide comfort and cheer through choral music in diverse and accessible ways for more viewers around the world.
The Cathedral School

Founded in 1901, The Cathedral School of St. John the Divine is a place where century-old traditions live on in vibrant, modern ways. Within the nurturing environment of this independent, coeducational, Episcopal K-8 day school for children of all faiths, students become articulate, confident, and responsible citizens of the world. Through curriculum and informal school experiences, students at The Cathedral School come to understand the inherent value of all people and the importance of working towards equity in all that they do. Amidst the challenges of 2020, The School community persevered, supporting the minds and spirits of growing young people:

- At the beginning of the pandemic, The School pivoted to distance learning, integrating the technology and innovation that have redefined education—and our world—with a grounding in the living history of the Cathedral.
- Basing our reopening on state and city guidelines, and utilizing the capacious Cathedral Close as an outdoor, alternative classroom, we safely returned to in-person instruction, helping balance safety requirements during the pandemic with the social and emotional needs of our students.
- Amidst a turbulent year, we drew upon our seven Core Values: Cooperation, Courage, Integrity, Kindness, Passion for Learning, Respect, and Responsibility.

In 2021, The Cathedral School will welcome Erica Corbin as the 19th Head of School, continuing The School’s legacy of dedication to children’s education in the coming years.
Public Education and Visitor Services (PEVS)

Each year, the Cathedral receives 250,000 visitors, and PEVS is dedicated to delivering memorable experiences, including architectural tours for world-travelers and field trips for students from across the country. In 2020, with the doors of the Cathedral largely closed to the public, we rose to the challenge by creating new and lasting partnerships in the greater Cathedral community and expanding our virtual programs for all to enjoy.

- We forged new partnerships with Education First Tours, the Morningside Park Alliance, and the Cathedral’s children’s program Advancing the Community of Tomorrow (ACT), enabling us to offer service-learning opportunities for more than 100 high school students.

- More than 15 volunteers and staff created a robust program of online experiences, including a meditative Lenten Tour series and a virtual version of our signature Vertical Tour, bringing the wonders of the Cathedral to the homes of more than 300 people.

In 2021, we are dedicated to creating a larger national and world-wide audience via virtual programs, with a special focus on strengthening our relationship with local schools to reach more students than ever before.
The Textile Conservation Lab

The Textile Conservation Lab is a world-renowned program for restoring not only the Cathedral’s tapestry collection, but also those of other museums and private collectors. As one of only two textile conservation centers in the country, we aim to preserve and restore unique materials and offer internships to the brightest students to continue the science and art of conservation. Despite challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, the conservation team completed several historic textile conservations in 2020:

- Conservators painstakingly worked to revive a Marcel Duchamp piece from a private collection, addressing its serious water damage.
- We began conserving textiles damaged during the Cathedral’s 2019 Palm Sunday fire, including the State Trumpet flags and our Acts of the Apostles tapestries, world-class treasures of textile art.

On the horizon, our team aims to complete several exciting projects, including a flag commemorating 9/11 from the Trinity School that incorporates children’s handprints. In 2021, these projects will continue the legacy of preserving cultural heritage and educating the next generation of conservators.
## FINANCIALS

### Revenue

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Source</th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Endowment/Interest Income</td>
<td>$6,213,541</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Program Fees</td>
<td>$3,836,760</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Unrestricted Contributions</td>
<td>$1,950,931</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Program-Related Donations</td>
<td>$396,130</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Total Unrestricted Revenue**

$12,397,362

### Expenditures

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Programs and Ministry</td>
<td>$12,685,080</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Management and General</td>
<td>$3,064,047</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fundraising</td>
<td>$940,665</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Public Affairs &amp; Communications</td>
<td>$654,895</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Total Expenditures**

$17,344,684

### FY2020 Revenue

- Endowment/Interest Income
- Program-Related Donations
- Unrestricted Contributions

### FY2020 Expenditures

- Programs and Ministry
- Management and General
- Fundraising
- Public Affairs & Communications
Our Generous Supporters

Cathedral of
St. John the Divine
Board of Trustees

Officers
The Right Reverend Andrew ML Dietsche
Chairman
Mr. J. Frank Brown
President
Mrs. Mary Jane Brock
Secretary
Mr. David Gordon
Treasurer

Ex Officio
The Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel III,
Dean of the Cathedral
Bill Bermont, President, Board of
Directors, The Cathedral School
The Rev. Matthew Calkins, President,
Diocesan Standing Committee

Trustees
Ms. Roberta Connolly
Mr. Peter Gevalt
Mr. John Griffen
Ms. Angie Karna
The Reverend Nigel Massey
The Reverend Daniel P. Matthews
The Reverend Richard McKeon
Mr. Bruce Paulson
Ms. Jennifer Potter

Dean’s Council
Mr. and Mrs. Laszlo Birinyi
Mr. Jim Chervenak
Mr. Constantine M. Dakolias and
Ms. Monique Cusson
Mr. William H. Herrman
Mr. and Mrs. John T. Lane
Ms. Martha Escobar and
Mr. Sandor Lehoczky
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Macleod
Mr. Byron Nimocks and
Ms. Emily Murphy
Ms. Susan T. Rodriguez and
Mr. Charles F. Lowrey
Mr. John Salmon
Dr. Steven M. Shulman and
Ms. Vicki Drew
Benno and Thand Tamminga
Mr. Simon Yates and
Mr. Kevin Roon
Ms. June Yearwood

Society of Regents
Ms. Janet Abraham
Mr. Leroy Adams
Dr. and Mrs. John G. Alley, Jr.
Dr. Fons A. Amaye-Obu
Anonymous
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald R. Atkins
Auction Advisors
Mr. Christopher Harden Babcock
Ms. Cori Bargmann
Ms. Valerie D. Barnett and
Dr. Vaughn W. Folkert
Ms. Judith G. Bartlett
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beebe
Sylvia Anastacia Bellusc, MSW
Mr. and Dr. William A. Bermont
Ms. Susan Bloomczy
Mrs. Louise M. Bozorth
Mrs. Jane Briggs
Ms. Marilyn Budzanoski
Mr. James Capalino
Drs. Robert and Patricia Carey
Ms. Sharon L. Lockhart-Carter and
Mr. John W. Carter
Mr. Stewart D. Clarke
Ms. Putney W. Cloos and
Mr. Brian C. Fox
The Reverend Canon Constance C.
Coles and Mr. William B. McKeown
Drs. Thomas and Virginia Collier
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew B. Constantine
The Reverend Dr. Pamela C. Cooper-
White and The Reverend Michael
Cooper-White
Ms. Dorothy A. Corbett
Ms. Joyce R. Cumberbatch
Ms. Yvette S. Cumberbatch
Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Cutshall
The Right Reverend Clifton Daniel III
Ms. Maura Dausey
Diana and James Davies
Ms. Christine Denham and Mr.
Robert W. Stein
Susan and James DeRossitt
The Right Reverend Andrew ML
Dietsche
Mr. and Mrs. Donald P. Dillon
Mr. John A. Donaldson
The Right Reverend and Mrs.
Herbert A. Donovan
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Doyle
Mr. Kevin F. Duffy
Mr. Samuel Duncan
Ms. Patricia F. Dunning
Mrs. Curran B. Estreich
Mr. R. Bradford Evans
Mrs. and Mr. Bruce Ewing
Ms. Katherine Farley and
Mr. Jerry I. Speyer
Dr. Aili Flint
Mr. Andrew Forman
Eugenia C. Foxworth
Ms. Fredericka Foster and
Mr. Ben Shapiro
Mr. David Austin Fricke
Our Generous Supporters

Ms. Nancy A. Garvey and Mr. Jerrold A. Walton
Ms. and Mr. Arthur Gianelli
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gippetti
Mr. Joseph G. Goddu
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse J. Greene, Jr.
Mr. Paul Griffiths
Margaret and John Groarke
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gropp
Ms. Mary Louise Gundlach
G. William Haas, Esq.
Ms. Elsie P. Hall
Ms. Christine Hansen
Mr. Ronne Hartfield
Dr. and Mrs. Wylie C. Hembree
Alexandra and Paul Herzan
Mr. Peter K. Hill
Mr. Jackson Hillner
Canon and Mrs. William F. Honaman
Honda Foundation
Ellen Hopkins and Thomas Phillips
Mrs. Julia Knox-Hudson and Dr. James B. Hudson
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth G. Hungerford II
Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth T. Jackson
Mr. Ray Jacobs
Ms. and Mr. Hamilton James Florence and Bob Jennies
Dr. Leslie D. Johnson
Ms. Margaret Jones
Mr. Neil Charles Katz
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Kaufman
Ms. Claudia Kavenagh
Mr. Thomas S. Kenan III
Mr. Donald Knapik
Dr. Muriel F. Kneeshaw
Ms. Mary Victoria M. Kopke and Mr. Peter Kopke
Kaliqep Kostas and Brian Smith
Mr. and Mrs. Matthew B. Kowalski
The Very Reverend Dr. James A. Kowalski and The Reverend Dr. Anne Brewer
Ms. Betty Kranzdorf
Mr. and Mrs. Theodore W. Kuck
Ms. Mary Ann Lam
Mr. Michael E. Lawrence
Mr. Yoh O. Lee
Pamela and David Leeming
Ms. Barbara Lilliston and Mrs. Thomas Fedorek
Anne Lockwood and Sean Kelly
Kristan and Rev. Richard Louis
Mr. Anthony Luciano
Mr. and Mrs. John A. MacKinnon
Dr. Audrey K. Madison, Ph.D.
Mrs. Ellen Marcus, James S. Marcus Foundation
Mr. Paul L. Marsolini
Charlotte and Charles Mason
Ms. Reiko Matsushima
Mr. Guy Maxwell
Dr. Mary McGee
Ms. Margaret A. McHenney and Dr. J. Scott Sawyer
Mr. and Mrs. John Andrew McQuown
Nancy and David Ment
John Mini and Robert Perri
Mrs. Alisa A. Mitchell
Mr. and Mrs. James S. Mitchell, Sr.
Mr. Mark S. Mitchell
Ms. Mary E. Mitchell
Pamela and Jarl Mohn
Mrs. Caroline Morisseau
Ms. Judith G. Munzing
Allfreda and Christian Murck
Mr. Anthony E. Napoli
Ms. Robbie Narcisse
Robin and Norman Nelson
Mr. Kirk Neustrom
Carla and Mallory Nimocks
Ms. Julie Norwell and Mr. Russell S. Charlton
Charles J. O’Byrne, Esq.
The Old Stones Foundation
Ms. Dorinda J. Oliver
Mr. Nat Oppenheimer
Ms. Dolores L. Osborne
Ms. Patricia O’Shea
Dr. Hal E. Ott
Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Pace
Nancy and Robert Parks
Mr. Robert M. Pennoyer
Raymond Pepi
Ms. Sandra S. Pershing
The Reverend Canon Kathryn Jeanne Person
Ms. Susan C. Petersmeyer
Diana and Eugene Pinover
Ms. Carole Poholek
Diane B. Pollard
Mr. Trevor A. Potter
Mr. and Mrs. Horatio R. Potter
Romana and Daria Quinones
Ms. Marsha H. Ra
Mr. and Mrs. Matthew R. Read
Mrs. Barbara Reeves-Cohen
Mrs. Margaret O. Richards
Mrs. Rebecca Richardson
Joumana Rizk
Mr. and Mrs. Steven C. Rockefeller
Our Generous Supporters
The Reverend Harry G. Royer
Ms. Alison Rutledge-Parisi and Dr. James Marion
Dame Jillian Sackler
Mr. and Mrs. Stanley DeForest Scott
Marie Louise and David Scudder
R. Stephen Seibt, MD
Ms. Ina Lee Selden and Mr. Maurice S. Mandel
Ms. Larissa Shahrmatova and Mr. Ashok Subramanian
The Reverend Bruce Shipman
Mr. and Mrs. David P. Shover
Kai Sjoblom
Mr. Harry Smith and Ms. Andrea Joyce
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stainman
Ms. Catherine M. Stanke
Mr. Murry K. Stegelmann
Ms. Yvonne Sterling
Mr. and Mrs. Michael E. Stoller
Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Strouss III
Dr. and Mrs. Derald W. Sue
Ms. Jennifer E. Sutherland
Dr. Matthias J. Szabolcs
Ms. Anne McNiff Tatlock
Ms. Quynh Thai and Mr. Frederick B. Warder
Liza and Alan Timberlake
Dr. and Mrs. Alexander Traykovski
Mr. and Mrs. Troy Wagner
Ms. Cynthia Wang
Ms. Geraldine Wang
Mr. Waide Warner
Ms. Sharon Werner
Dr. Mary White
Ms. Nancy Wight
Mr. and Mrs. Frederic G. Withington
Ms. Kim Wohler
Dr. Michael Wolf
Mr. Charles G. Wolf
Carol Worrel and Charleen Ward
Anne and Charles Wright
Alison Yang and Nicholas Ragovis
Mr. and Mrs. Takeshi Yoshiuchi

Cathedral Staff

Senior Staff

Priscilla Bayley, Director, Development
Marie Del Tejo, Executive Director, Advancing the Community of Tomorrow
Marlene Eidelheit, Director, Textile Conservation Laboratory
Peter Ennis, Manager, Office of Liturgy and the Arts and Chief Sacristan
Keith Hinkson, Director, Security
The Reverend Canon Steven Lee, Pastor and Vicar, Congregation of St. Saviour
Amy Leissner, Director, Budget
Christian Mardones, Director, Productions
James Patterson, Director, Facilities and Capital Projects
Thomas Perry, Program Director, Cathedral Community Cares
Kristine Pottinger, Director, Public Education and Visitor Services
Geoff Smith, Director, Information Technology
Kent Trtle, Director, Cathedral Music
William Wagner, Controller
Isadora Wilkenfeld, Director, Cathedral Programming and Communications

Senior Leadership

The Right Reverend Clifton Daniel III, Dean
The Reverend Canon Patrick Malloy, Sub-Dean and Canon for Liturgy and the Arts
Laura Bosley, Head of Staff
Michael Edwards, V.P., Administration and Chief Financial Officer
Lisa Schubert, V.P., Cathedral Programming and External Relations
John Tiebout, Director, Human Resources
The Cathedral of St. John the Divine is the Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of New York. It is chartered as a house of prayer for all people and a unifying center of intellectual light and leadership. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Cathedral has responded to changing needs in the local community and across the city and state. People from many faiths and communities worship together in daily services held online; the soup kitchen serves roughly 50,000 meals annually; social service outreach has an increasingly varied roster of programs to safely provide resources, aid, and COVID testing to the hardest-hit New Yorkers; the distinguished Cathedral School prepares young students to be future leaders; Advancing the Community of Tomorrow, the renowned preschool, afterschool and summer program, offers diverse educational and nurturing experiences; the outstanding Textile Conservation Lab preserves world treasures; concerts, exhibitions, performances and civic gatherings allow conversation, celebration, reflection and remembrance—such is the joyfully busy life of this beloved and venerated Cathedral.

The Cathedral is profoundly grateful to its Staff, Clergy, Volunteers, Board, Advisors and Friends, whose unparalleled energy and determination make thousands of annual services, programs and events possible. Please visit the Cathedral website and join us on Facebook to stay in touch.

Our many and varied programs, services, and events are made possible by your generous contributions. Our heartfelt thanks for your continued support.