

# DREAMS & VISIONS CAMPAIGN



## ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

LET US BUILD A HOUSE WHERE LOVE CAN DWELL

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### ***Honouring A Legacy of Faith, Love and Generosity***

Close to 200 years ago, faithful Anglicans in this area gathered as the nucleus of what is now the worshipping community at St. Paul's Cathedral in London, Ontario. No doubt, they were filled with hopes and dreams and visions that eventually led to the building of our beautiful and well-loved worship space, all for the glory of God and the good of our community. Each generation here has evolved and adapted to meet the needs of the neighbourhood.

### ***Dreams & Visions: Our Opportunity to Create Beneficial Change***

**This is now our moment and our opportunity to hope, to dream, and to envision how God invites us to make ready for today's changing world, and for future generations.**

Our project cost is estimated at \$1.5 Million. With outstanding leadership support from The Diocese of Huron and other generous donors, we are now at 55% of our goal. We anticipate that, by June 2025, we will unveil our transformed space – a vibrant and welcoming place where we can demonstrate God's love through an expanded range of parish and diocesan worship offerings, musical programs, and educational and cultural experiences, accessible and available to all people, at the heart of our city.

***"The World Needs What We Have To Offer" - Bishop Todd Townshend***

### ***"...and What We are Building!" - Rector Kevin George***

IMAGINE! An 8,000 square-foot, aisles-wide-open Cathedral nave, ready to encompass all our hopes and dreams and visions, and embrace new seekers, new experiences and new ways of sharing God's love, while preserving for future generations the rich history and heritage that makes London's oldest church – our St. Paul's Cathedral - a civic treasure.



**JOIN US AS WE RAISE \$1.5M to revitalize our beautiful Cathedral Nave** and make it more welcoming for worship, for gatherings, and for our community.

### ***EVERY DONATION MATTERS. EVERY GIFT COUNTS.***

**55 percent has been raised to date. Your gift, along with others, will help us reach our goal.** We ask you to give this your prayerful consideration, and then fill out the enclosed pledge form and return it to St. Paul's Cathedral, or

**MAKE YOUR GIFT ONLINE** at [www.dreamsandvisions.ca](http://www.dreamsandvisions.ca)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION,** call 519-434-3225 or [dreamsandvisions@stpaulscathedral.on.ca](mailto:dreamsandvisions@stpaulscathedral.on.ca)

***St. Paul's Cathedral - The Church at the Heart of the City with the City at its Heart***

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## Extending our Table ~ Expanding Our Impact

Who will benefit? We ALL will. These renovations will ensure that our worship community and our expanding outward-focussed ministries can grow, flourish and serve more people for the next century.

- The worshipping community of St. Paul's will have full priority access and flexibility in the setup of our sacred space, enhancing individual and group participation in all aspects of worship.
- More than 500 people enter our doors weekly to find food, warmth and love through the work of **Paul's Place**. Our renewed space will provide full access and greater comfort for our vulnerable neighbours.
- St. Paul's is blessed with a glorious musical tradition. In our developing role as a creative sector hub for London - Canada's first UNESCO City of Music - our own music program will soar to new heights. Local artists and creatives will also find home here for expression. Our renovated 8,000-sq-foot rehearsal and performance space can and will be ready to host a wide variety of events.
- Our building will be better able to welcome those looking to view St. Paul's rich military tradition. Nearly one dozen colours of Canadian regiments are laid up or housed at St. Paul's.
- As a cornerstone of London's downtown, St. Paul's will play a leading role in revitalizing our city's core, building new partnerships and collaborations and engaging more people in the life of our worship community and our city.

## New Features and Enhancements include:

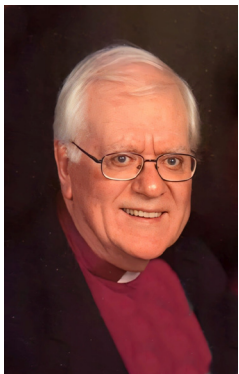
- The critical reinforcement of our aging substructure, levelling the floors and providing additional supports for a solid foundation.
- Comfortable Cathedral chairs that allow us to set up our worship space in ways fitting for ministry for our day and our time.
- Upgraded audio-visual and broadcast systems to amplify the space and improve livestreaming for in-person and online worship.
- An energy-efficient A/C and heat pump system to make our worship space more hospitable.

**COST OF THESE UPGRADES: \$1.5M**

## Help Us Build a House Where Love Can Dwell

St. Paul's Cathedral is an important and much-loved London icon that exists to serve God through serving our community. We all have a stake - and a shared responsibility - in its future. Help us create an open and welcoming space for our parish and our community for generations to come, practicing radical hospitality, preserving our outstanding history and heritage, offering exceptional music and faith formation opportunities, responding to the needs of our neighbourhood, building relationships across faith traditions, cultures and political divides, and serving you.

**Kevin George, Dean of Huron and Rector, St. Paul's Cathedral**



### The Most Rev'd Percy O'Driscoll, HONORARY CO-CHAIR

In 1964, I was ordained a deacon. Since then I have served in Ottawa, Kitchener, London and Sarnia. For a brief time, I was Christian Education Director for St. Paul's and Bishop Cronyn Church. Little did I think that I would one day be rector of the Cathedral. I remember, however, my first Sunday looking down that long, long aisle in awe. I stayed for ten years! The community gathered and strengthened. It was exciting. I also remember fondly being ordained a Bishop at St. Paul's. In the middle of the Prayer of Consecration, my feet seemed to say to my head "Percy, it feels good down here." I am happy and excited to support a new resurrection for this Cathedral Church of St. Paul and for the dreams and hopes we have for its future. I pray you too will support this work.



### Mrs. Patricia Townshend, HONORARY CO-CHAIR

While St. Paul's Cathedral is a parish church, it's also the centre of the Diocese of Huron. Over the years, I've experienced so many special services – Sunday worship, Lenten services, Synods, baptisms, confirmations, marriages, ordinations, elections, consecrations, and funerals. At St. Paul's we have together shared in hope, joy, sorrow and love as a Diocesan family. I am happy to give to the Dreams & Visions Campaign and I pray we can all partner in supporting our Cathedral in thanksgiving for the times St. Paul's has supported us all on our journey as a diocesan family.



### The Honourable Ed Holder, PC, ICD.D, CITY CHAMPION

St. Paul's Cathedral has been a beacon of life and hope in downtown London for nearly 200 years. From its support of the arts, to the tireless work of its parishioners to feed and care for our most vulnerable citizens, as St. Paul's has so often supported so many, I am happy to support the efforts of the Dreams & Visions Campaign. I hope you will too. We all have three gifts in varying degrees: time, talent and treasure. Today we ask for some of your treasure to build and sustain this blessed place where faith, hope and love is in abundance.

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