

Frequently Asked Questions

What does it mean to make a financial commitment (pledge) to Holy Family? A pledge is an advance commitment by a household to donate an amount of money to support Holy Family's ministries, typically during the upcoming year.

Why make a financial commitment (pledge) to Holy Family in advance? Donations based on previous financial commitments (pledges) account for approximately 90 percent of the funds needed to carry out the ministries and programs of Holy Family. The Vestry, Holy Family's governing board, formulates next year's (2023) annual budget based on the financial commitments received from members of the congregation, so the amount pledged affects the programs and ministries that Holy Family will be able to support next year.

How much should my financial commitment be? That is a decision you should pray about and discuss with members of your family. The Episcopal Church encourages proportionate giving – giving a percentage of annual household income – to support the ministries of the church. (See the back of the pledge card for examples of proportionate giving at various income levels.) The standard of faithful giving in the Episcopal Church is the Biblical tithe, 10 percent of annual household income. Some Holy Family parishioners tithe or give more than the tithe; others are working their way toward the tithe by increasing the percentage they give each year.

My family has suffered financial setbacks (job losses, furloughs, unexpected expenses) this year. Are we still expected to pledge? No one is expected to give more than they can afford. Proportionate giving means that you give only as you are able. All pledges and gifts are appreciated, no matter how large or small.

I am a contract employee who works primarily on commission, so it's difficult to estimate how much I will earn next year. On what should I base my 2023 financial commitment to Holy Family? As a suggestion, you may use an estimate of your expected 2023 earnings or the current year's income or an average of several recent years' earnings.

What if I discover next year that, due to changes in my financial circumstances, I am unable to fulfill my pledge? You always have the right to change your pledge amount due to unforeseen circumstances. Please notify Holy Family Treasurer Betty Bogeman of any change in your pledge.

How can I pay my financial commitment next year? You can make a single lump-sum payment or pay in twice-yearly, quarterly, monthly, twice-monthly, weekly or other periodic installments. Payments can be made by any of the following means:

- Place your payment in the collection plate during Sunday worship.
- Mail your check to Holy Family Episcopal Church, 11445 Fishers Pointe Blvd., Fishers, IN 46038
- Give online through the Diocese of Indianapolis website, without being charged processing fees:
 - Visit www.holyfamilyfishers.org/donate and click on "Donate to Holy Family with no service fee."
 - Indicate amount of gift
 - Select "Give to a Congregation" from "Fund" dropdown list
 - Select "Holy Family – Fishers" from "Memo" dropdown list
 - Select a one-time gift "Give Once" or recurring gift "Give Multiple Times"