



The Cathedral Church of St. Paul

The Very Reverend Timothy True, Interim Dean

4800 Woodward Avenue
Detroit, Michigan 48201
www.detroitcathedral.org
313.831.5000

December 19th, 2024

Dear Cathedral Church of St. Paul,

This past Sunday I announced that the Feeding Hungry People Ministry will be serving its final Sunday breakfast on December 29. The time has come for this ministry to change. *However*, our commitment to serving our siblings in Christ has not ended. Your vestry and I recognize the valuable position this ministry holds in the cathedral's identity as a place of outreach in Midtown. This is an important part of how we live out our Gospel values as Christians. We are committed to discerning what the future of this vital program will look like.

The main rationale for the decision to end serving breakfast on Sundays is that we lack the manpower and resources. Some months ago, the bishop asked for a team of 20 volunteers. Presently, we might see a team of 8, not all of whom are volunteers. As for resources, while we have been able to prepare and serve adequate amounts of food, the people who attend the breakfast need far more—laundry, showers, fresh clothing, shelter, crisis counseling, and other basic human needs. Additionally, heightened security concerns are ongoing. We have learned that this ministry is about so much more than just food.

It's time to have an open conversation about what moving forward will look like in 2025 and beyond. If you have input on the future of this program, please join me on Saturday, January 18 at 10am in Barth Hall. I am eager to walk with you during this time of transition and change.

Pressing On,

Fr. Timothy True
Interim Dean
The Cathedral Church of St. Paul

