



PARISH ARCHIVIST  
VESTRY REPORT - MAY 24, 2023

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#### REVIEW AND INVENTORY

The archival workgroup has been meeting regularly on Wednesday afternoons. Much of the work for the past few months has centered around planning and preparation for the Sloan exhibit. Our hope is to re-engage the process of review, scanning, documentation, and transfer of fragile documents to an appropriate archival institution such as the University of Michigan-Flint, Genesee Historical Collections Center.

#### ARCHIVAL STORAGE

Consistent with the custodial agreement signed last year, our historical sacramental records are now in the care and custody of the University of Michigan-Flint, Genesee Historical Collections Center. We are approaching the first anniversary of this agreement in June, and we will need to make the annual payment of \$100, as our consideration for their involvement. This agreement applies only to our sacramental records, ensuring that we retain ownership of those records, although they remain in the possession of the university. I suggest that a small group of vestry members visit the GHCC archives at least annually, to make payment and actually see the records and the storage facility.

We have not yet initiated the process of actually donating any of our ephemeral (non-sacramental) items. It is our hope to re-engage our review and inventory process to determine which of those would be better preserved/protected if given to an appropriate archival institution once again.

#### COLLECTION ADDITIONS

You will recall that the Christ Church building was given to Communities First, Inc. a few years ago. As they have been working to rehabilitate that building, they have and continue to find articles of significant historical importance to St. Paul's and the community at large. Communities First has alerted us to these items and we have been able to retrieve several of them to date. There remain a few larger items that we hope to retrieve in the next week or two.

Respectfully Submitted: Walter A. Peake, May 23, 2023