

# From House Church To Pro-Cathedral



**St. Alban's has been a witness to the ancient and traditional Christian church for 36 years!**

As we observe our 36<sup>th</sup> year\* (since 1984) of traditional Anglo-Catholic witness in Richmond, we acknowledge that our parish was founded by concerned bishops, priests, and laity who were unwilling to accept the concept that the Christian faith should be amended to fit the current social agenda. We rejected the substitution of relevance in lieu of faith that has caused a major exodus of the faithful from so many denominations, opting instead for a personal encounter with the living God. At St. Alban's, you have a parish family in which you can learn the classic Christian truths.

Over the years, through the hard work, faith, and dedication of its members, St. Alban's has grown from a small group of worshippers, to a house church, to a center of Christian faith and learning, music, and community in the classical Anglican tradition.

We share a liturgy that brings a powerful emotional symbolism and energy to the church. In particular, St. Alban's lives the rich insights of the Anglican liturgical movement, and the Holy Eucharist is central to our worship. Over time, St. Alban's has expanded the opportunity to worship with regular Mass on Sundays and feast days, spiritual reading, retreats, Sunday Evensong, and daily Morning Prayer in the English Benedictine tradition.

The last several years have seen a resurgence in our men's and women's ministries, retreat opportunities, the expansion of Bible studies, and the renewal of our charitable work in such projects as our food pantry in partnership with the Greater Richmond Food Bank. Our future includes the expansion of Christian learning opportunities in the community, particularly to the inquirer or unchurched, and campus outreach.

With each challenge we have encountered, we became stronger in our faith. We invite you to become a part of the church today and make history tomorrow.

\* Written in 2020