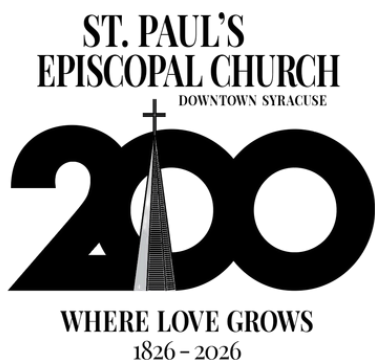


Celebrating the Very Rev. Harold Hutton

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The Very Rev. Harold Hutton

On June 13, 1976, the Very Rev. Harold Hutton was honored for twenty-five years of ministry at St. Paul's Church. Throughout his tenure, he became known for guiding the parish's spiritual and pastoral work toward the growing challenges of a declining inner-city community. One of the most poignant examples of his leadership was the establishment of a Pastoral Counseling Center at St. Paul's, created under his direction to offer support and care to those in need.

He also led a major effort to restructure the parish house, transforming it into a Parish Educational Center designed to deepen children's involvement in the spiritual life of the church. During the anniversary celebration, the congregation installed a bronze plaque at the back of the sanctuary, commemorating his years of service and the impact of his ministry. In his remarks that day, Rev. Hutton reminded the congregation, "The church is people from top to bottom and beginning to end. Ultimately you, the people, are the ones who really should be honored." This simple statement captured the humility, grace, and deep respect for community that defined his leadership and left a lasting imprint on St. Paul's.

