



**St James Cathedral**  
CHICAGO

— St. James Cathedral's —  
**SUMMER IN THE CITY**

June 16, 2025

Dear Friends,

For the past 26 years, one of the main outreach programs of St. James Cathedral has been Summer In The City. This summer camp has introduced hundreds of children to the wonders of a summer enrichment program right in the heart of Chicago. The adventures open young people's minds, build new friendships, and create memories for the rest of their lives. We offer this camp free of charge so that children who are otherwise unable to have this kind of life-changing experience are able to do so. This has been made possible by the donations Summer In The City receives from church members. We are writing to ask you to prayerfully consider financially supporting this ministry.

SITC 2025 is from July 21 to August 1. We welcome 35 campers who are eager to learn and have fun, along with our counselors who will develop leadership skills. They participate in indoor and outdoor activities, art, service projects and more! We are proud and excited that the community partnership with St. Martin's Episcopal Church and St. James Cathedral continues to develop. Both parishes bring great gifts and talents to SITC. Members of both churches will be volunteering and we will be hosting activities at St. James and St. Martin's in addition to the off-site adventures. August 3 at St. James will be SITC Sunday, our annual worship with the campers, followed by a picnic for everyone.

SITC makes a difference. Campers use the lessons they learn here at home, at school, and even at first jobs. Friendships they forge remind them how much they are valued. They go on to mentor other young people, sharing these gifts even further. Again, these are life-changing effects, and we can make it possible again this year with your help: by volunteering, by spreading the word, and contributing financially. It takes about \$35,000 to run this camp. The cathedral budget underwrites 20% of the cost and the rest comes from donations. May we count on your support for SITC 2025?

It is easy to give! You can give a check with the memo "SITC" or online at [SaintJamesCathedral.org/SITC](https://SaintJamesCathedral.org/SITC). Donations both large and small all come together to make this possible and your contribution matters.

In Christ,

The Rev. Canon Steven M. Balke, Jr.  
Canon Vicar

The Rev. Canon Christopher Griffin  
Canon for Community Partnerships



**Donate to Summer in the City**