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## Piano Gifted to Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul

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Erie, PA: The Cathedral of St. Paul in Erie will receive a gift on Saturday, April 2, from their neighbors, the Erie Philharmonic. A beautiful, black, upright piano by Schafer & Sons was graciously donated to the Philharmonic last week from Michele Allgeier. The instrument has been temporarily housed in their new office, waiting for a final home.

The Philharmonic chose the Cathedral of St. Paul, a church that holds music as a central part of the life and mission, as the recipient. Led by Sharon Downey, the church has both a Cathedral Choir and Children's Choir. The Cathedral also holds additional concerts and musical services each year. Sharon Downey was appointed the Organist-Choirmaster at the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul in 1991 and named Canon Musician in 2011.

With no piano currently in the church, the addition of this instrument will bolster an already robust music program in the heart of downtown Erie. The Cathedral intends on using the piano in recitals and concerts as well as for services on a regular basis.

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The piano will move from the Erie Philharmonic office at 9:00am to the Cathedral of St. Paul on Saturday, April 2, 2016. We anticipate the piano to be set in its new home by 9:45am. Sharon Downey and Executive Director of the Erie Philharmonic, Steve Weiser, will be available for interviews at the Cathedral from 9:30-10:00am.

**Saturday, April 2**

**9:30-10:00am**

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