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Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG)

“I pre-authorize my giving because my church is one of my priorities.”

The work of our parish is made possible through the giving hearts of our Parishioners. The Parish operates its programs and maintains its buildings (Church, hall and rectory) only through the regular donations of you, the Parishioners, to pay for expenses and capital costs. Currently, this is done through the weekly offerings at Sunday Mass. Some give with cash, some give through cheques.

What is the Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) Plan?

In response to changing lifestyles and demands on time and energy, the Archdiocese of Toronto has organized a Pre-Authorized Giving Plan to assist parishioners in automating their support to their parish.

Holy Redeemer Parish is participating in this Plan in order to give you another choice in your method of contributing to the Parish. We are starting this at the request of several of our Parishioners. Many of you use pre-authorized payments (also called automatic withdrawal) to pay your own expenses to maintain your household. Those who wish to use a similar method to maintain the House of God will now have this option.

Sharing your income with the Church is a very personal decision: we make no attempt here to tell you what the right amount is for you. Everyone who has a regular income (whether through a job, pension or even an allowance from Mom and Dad) has to make that decision for themselves.

What Are The Basic Procedures?

The Plan is set up to be simple for everyone; as simple as 1-2-3:

1. You determine your overall offering to the Parish.
2. Your offering will be withdrawn from your bank account on or after the 20th of each month.
3. You modify the amount to be withdrawn if ever you feel the need.

Why Should I Participate?

The advantages for you include the following:

- Your offering is conveniently sent and received automatically every month. You don't need to write a cheque or find the right amount of cash each week to put in your offertory envelope.
- Your parish is supported regularly, even when you are on vacation, holidays or attending mass at a different parish.
- You can easily budget funds for contributions to the Parish in the same way as your other expenses.
- You can plan your offering to the Parish in a thoughtful and meaningful way, and adjust this whenever you wish.

The advantages for the Parish include the following:

- The Parish receives a regular flow of contributions.
- The Parish is better able to budget based on dependable and known contributions.
- The counting of cash after each Mass can be dramatically reduced.

Who Looks After The Plan?

The Office of Stewardship and Development of the Archdiocese of Toronto administers the PAG Plan for Holy Redeemer Parish. The Parish will still issue all tax receipts for all of your contributions including any PAG Plan amounts.

Is The Plan Confidential & Secure?

We are committed to keeping your personal information confidential and secure; both the Parish and the Office of Stewardship have taken measures to protect the security of your personal information.

To ensure that information is secure from the time you give it to us, please place your Authorization Form and void cheque in a *sealed* envelope. You can place this sealed envelope in any weekly collection basket, or you can mail it to the Parish Office.

How Will Pre-Authorized Giving Replace My Current Giving?

If you already have weekly offertory envelopes, and you join the PAG Plan, you can simply write “PAG” on your weekly envelope and put the envelope in the weekly collection basket.

When there are special Diocesan collections (e.g. Papal Charities) you can contribute by cash or cheque in the pre-printed envelope in your box of offertory envelopes.

(Additional boxes of envelopes are available for anyone who does not currently have them)

What Should You Do To Enrol?

You will have to convert your weekly offerings to monthly offerings. This amount will cover the following church offerings:

1. Weekly Offerings (for operating expenses)
2. Building Fund Collection (for principal loan repayment)
3. Sharelife

The easiest way to calculate this monthly amount is to multiply your current weekly amount by 4 ½ (since months have either 4 or 5 Sundays each month), and add in your current monthly Building Fund Collection, and Sharelife donation.

Next, fill out the Authorization Form in this pamphlet and include a cheque from your bank account marked "VOID". If you do not have cheques, please ask your bank to complete this portion of the form.

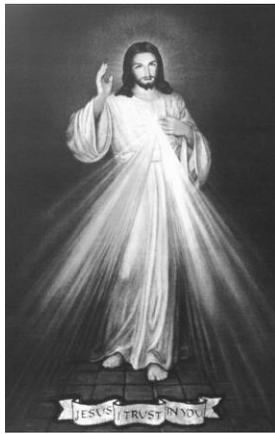
Finally, put both the completed form and a void cheque in a *sealed* envelope, and simply drop it in the weekly collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office.

Calculating Your Monthly PAG Contribution

The following examples show how weekly donations and monthly Building Fund donations convert to a single PAG amount. Use the column on the right to calculate your PAG Plan amount.

Figure #1

		Examples			Me
		1	2	3	
Current Weekly Offering	A	\$10	\$20	\$30	
Multiply by 4 1/2	B	4.5	4.5	4.5	
Estimated monthly Offering	C = AxB	\$45	\$90	\$135	
Current monthly Building Fund and/or Sharelife	D	\$25	\$25	\$25	
Total Monthly PAG Amount	E = C+D	\$70	\$115	\$160	



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Pre-Authorized Giving Authorization Form

"Give and you will receive"

Let us be Good Stewards and share God's gifts



I hereby authorize the Pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish to debit my bank account on the 20th day of each month, for my/our donation (not including special collections), and to allocate it as noted below:

My /our total **monthly** donation of \$ _____ to Holy Redeemer Parish will be distributed as follows (Please see Figure #1):

1. Monthly Offerings (C) \$ _____
 2. Monthly Building Fund (D) \$ _____
 3. Monthly Sharelife (D) \$ _____
- Total Monthly PAG donation (E) \$ _____

Name(s) of Contributor(s): _____

Name of Bank/Trust Company/Credit Union: _____

Bank Account Number: _____

Branch Number: _____

Type of Account: _____

Envelope Number: _____

Signature of Contributor(s): _____

Date (Month/Day/Year): _____

If a withdrawal is not consistent with this PAG agreement, you have the right to receive reimbursement. For more information on all your recourse rights, please contact your financial institution or visit www.cdnpay.ca

PLEASE ATTACH VOID CHEQUE HERE