

My Parish Pre-Authorization Giving Plan

“Who Cares? I Care!”

I care about my church family

- ✓ Nurturing our parish
- ✓ Teaching our children and young people about Christ and our Catholic faith
- ✓ Supporting our parish home

I care about my community:

- ✓ Through the Bishops Annual Appeal
- ✓ Through the mission and outreach of my parish and the Diocese of Saskatoon

I care about Canada and the World through

- ✓ The Bishops Annual Appeal
- ✓ Doing mission work through my giving to our national and international Catholic charities

Whether or not I am there...

“...my parish has on-going commitments every week that need my offering. My Parish is important to me, and so my financial commitment to its work. That is why I use the PAG (Pre-Authorized Giving) Plan to fulfill my commitment.”

If you have automatic withdrawals from your bank account to pay for insurance, taxes, utilities or mortgage, then you understand the PAG principle. It means regular contributions throughout the year.

Many people use the PAG system for their parish offering, finding it a convenient way to take care of their regular commitments to the church month by month. You can participate in this program.

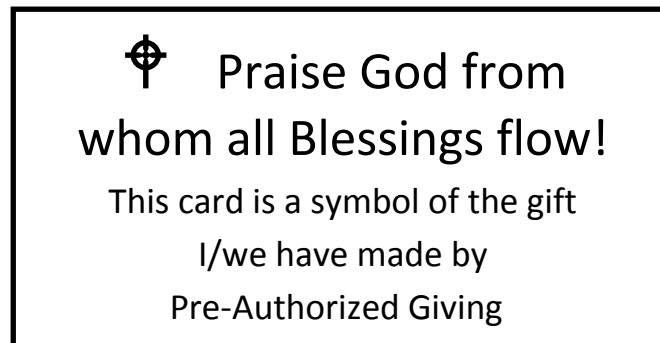
Your bank account or credit card will be debited on a particular day each month that is determined by your parish administrator and the service provider. There

is a small administrative fee charged to the parish for each item. This charge is offset by lowering other transaction fees and the consistent monthly funds coming into the parish as people join the PAG plan.

We worship God with our offering

Each Sunday your parish may decide to provide a PAG offering card as a symbol of your giving.

*This is a re-usable card and is available from your parish at the beginning of each mass.



Stewardship Giving:

- Christian stewardship is passing on God's love –
 "We love because he first loved us" 1 John 4:19
- Christian Stewardship can improve your life – if taken in the proper spirit, one of love rather than duty – gives life its full share of meaning, its greatest satisfaction and it will benefit many others.
- Christian Stewardship – we don't know how it works; only that it does work. We know no more about stewardship's dynamics that we do about other mysteries of our faith – the Paschal Mystery or the sacred truth that it is in giving we receive.
- Christian Stewardship – letting go of the **scarcity** mentality that prevents us from seeing beyond our own needs.
- Christian Stewardship – experiencing the joy stirred in the person whom you have given a gift. Our grand gestures of generosity, given cheerfully and in love, allow us to stand tall before God. Yes, it feels good to give.
- Christian Stewardship – is not a gimmick to raise the Sunday collection and get more volunteers – it is a gift from God for the conversion of a materialistic world. The great irony is that when people share their gifts,

they don't have less; they have more, because God trusts them as stewards to care for the world.

- Gifts from God: our intelligence, personality, diligence and perseverance, our very life, breathe by blessed breath, our family, friends, home, finances, our possessions, time, etc.
- Christian Stewardship
 - You recognize the truth that we are created in the image and likeness of God. We are not just created by God, but for God, therefore we don't belong to ourselves, we belong to God. That is our true identify, "we belong to God". Then we don't own our talents – we are called to use them for others, we steward them.
 - Because we are not our own, we are not in control. Our "trust" comes from the acceptance that God is at work in the world, in my world and in my own life. (How my talents develop, skills, career...) In trusting God, we are able to let go and let God, knowing God will provide.
 - We are thankful, thankful for all that God has provided us – an attitude of gratitude. We recognize what we have gifts from God that begin with him, we didn't do it all ourselves.
 - Love and Charity are a requirement for a Christian. Stewardship of our time will include time alone with God in prayer. You may want start by tithing your time; 10% of your Sunday given to God –mass, morning and evening prayer, prayer before and after meals, reading scripture, etc. Sunday is a natural time to consider giving God a tithe of your time.
 - Our suffering can have redemptive value – find new meaning in what can feel like senseless pain. Offer up your suffering (physical, mental, spiritual) on behalf of the church – and act of faith, hope, and love.