

Star of the Sea Parish

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PRE-AUTHORIZED OFFERING PLAN APPLICATION

Please complete this application and drop it in the collection basket or deliver it to the Parish Office.

Surname: _____ First Name: _____

Surname: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Province: _____ Postal Code: _____ Telephone: _____

Financial Institution: _____ Address: _____

AUTHORIZATION & AGREEMENT

I/We authorize Star of the Sea Parish to process a debit, in paper, electronically or by other form in the amount of \$ _____ on my/our account on the 1st business day of each month beginning:

_____ (month and year)

I/We authorize Star of the Sea Parish (the “Payee”) to issue Pre-Authorized Debits (“PADs”) as defined in Rule H1 of the Canadian Payments Association.

I/We certify that all information provided on the attached cheque marked “void” (the “Account”) with respect to the Account is accurate and I/we agree to inform the Payee, in writing, of any change in the Account information provided in this Agreement at least ten (10) business days prior to the next due date of a Personal PAD. In the event of any such change, this Agreement shall continue in respect of any new account to be used for Personal PADs.

I/We acknowledge that delivery of this authorization to the Payee constitutes delivery by me/us to the above-noted financial institution. I/We warrant and guarantee that all persons whose signatures are required to authorize withdrawals from the Account have signed the Authorization below.

Signature of account holder _____ Date _____

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******* PLEASE ATTACH A CHEQUE MARKED “VOID” *******



**P.O.P.
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What is Prayerful Giving?

Prayerful giving is a spiritual examination of your financial commitment to our Church community, your spiritual home. Jesus, during his ministry on earth, continually taught that everything we have is a result of God’s blessings upon us and that we are to willingly share of our blessings.

Where Does the Money Go?

Each parish in the Archdiocese of Vancouver is self-funded. This means we need to pay our own lighting and heating bill, our own staff salaries, our dues to support the Archdiocese and payments on our debts.

Sharing our monetary blessings with our church is very important.

If Star of the Sea Parish is to continue to offer and expand the many ministerial activities that serve the needs of our community, everyone needs to be generous, consistent and dedicated in their financial support. And just as your own mortgage or rent payments still come due even when you are on holidays, all the bills for operating the parish must be paid every week or the year, even if you are away that week.



How Do I Know What is Enough?

Everyone must prayerfully consider his or her own financial commitment to Star of the Sea Parish. Are you giving according to God’s will for you? Ask God! God knows your needs and what you can afford to give.

But Are There Guidelines to Help Me Think About It?

In many Christian churches, parishioners are expected to tithe, that is to give 10% of their family income to the Church. If any of our parishioners make the decision to tithe, they will certainly be blessed in their giving, but we are not asking for 10% of your income in donations.

Can You Give Me an Example?

After much careful consideration, the Finance Committee of Star of the Sea Parish asks that each parishioner consider sanctifying their work by dedicating one hour of work per week to our parish community. This means each person who is able to do so should strive to set aside one hour’s wage per week as a suggested weekly donation. This is roughly equivalent to 2.5% of a 40-hour work week.

Examples of Dedicating One Hour per Week (roughly equivalent to 2.5%)

ANNUAL INCOME	2.5% of ANNUAL INCOME	MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION
\$5,200	\$130.00	\$10
\$20,800	\$520.00	\$40
\$41,600	\$1,040.00	\$85
\$62,400	\$1,560.00	\$130
\$83,200	\$2,080.00	\$170
\$104,000	\$2,600.00	\$215
\$156,000	\$3,900.00	\$325

Remember that God doesn't demand a fixed amount of money from us; He wants us to give from the heart, freely and cheerfully (1 Corinthians 16:2; 2 Corinthians 9:5-8). It is not the amount of your donation so much as the spirit of engagement and participation in giving, as you contribute to the important work of our Parish and the Church.

How Do I Get An Income Tax Receipt?

It is important that you register with the Parish in order to receive an income tax receipt. When you register, you will be asked if you wish to have envelopes or if you wish to sign up for our automatic bank withdrawal program—the Pre-Authorized Offering Plan (POP). Choose the method which is best for you and your family.

The Parish Office will keep track of your donations throughout the year. Receipts are issued in February each year for the previous year’s donations.