

**ATTACH VOID CHEQUE HERE**

***St. Gerard Parish  
Pre-authorized Giving Program***

When you go away from home, the hydro, water and heat still work in your house....

When you are away from your church, ministry still continues....

Just as bill paying and pay cheque transactions have become easier through pre-authorized withdrawal and automatic deposit, so our church is making it simpler for you to support our ministries even when you are not here....

The Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) Program enables you to make donations to the parish on a monthly or semi-monthly basis right from your bank account. As a donation method, it benefits both you and your parish.

**BENEFITS TO YOU,  
THE PARISHIONER**

- Eliminates the need of having the correct amount of cash on Sunday and/or from having to write a cheque (which may include bank fees)
- No more forgetting your envelope/donation in the “scramble” to get to Mass on time
- Simplifies your budgeting – you determine the size and frequency of your donations
- Easy to set up – all you need is a void cheque
- PAG helps you to feel good knowing that your parish is taken care of financially, even when you are away on vacation
- You have total control – you can change the size of your donation or withdraw from the program at any time

## BENEFITS TO YOUR PARISH

- Generates a steadier cash flow 12 months a year – making it easier for parish administration to budget
- Lowers administrative costs of processing contributions, and it saves the cost of printing envelopes (which is good for the environment as well!)

## HERE'S WHAT TO DO

Whatever you now give weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annually, simply convert to a monthly or semi-monthly amount.

Fill in the attached form and enclose it in an envelope *with a cheque marked "VOID"*. Place in the collection basket at Mass, or drop it off at the Parish Office during office hours.

Your offering will be deducted from your bank account monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> in the same way you honour many of your other commitments in your life.

## WHAT ABOUT RECORDS?

Offerings are recorded automatically and individually on your monthly bank statement or passbook. These offerings are recorded at the church and are included on your annual tax receipt.

## IF YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE

At any time, the amount of your offering can be changed. Simply notify the Parish Office of the change. *If the banking information has changed, please provide a new "VOID" cheque.*

## RECOURSE

You have certain recourse rights if any debit does not comply with the terms of the Pre-Authorized Giving Authorization Form. To obtain more information on your recourse rights, contact your financial institution.

## PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING AUTHORIZATION FORM

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Parishioner Name (**PLEASE PRINT**)

I/We (the above named parishioner(s)) authorize St. Gerard Church in Yorkton, SK to debit my/our account indicated above in the amount of:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ on the 1<sup>st</sup> and/or

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month until cancelled.

Each donation shall be the same as if I/we had personally issued a cheque authorizing the bank to pay the church as indicated and to debit the amount specified to my/our account.

I/we will notify the Parish Office promptly in writing if there is any change in the account. This authorization may be cancelled at any time upon written notice by me/us to the church. Any delivery of this authorization to the church constitutes delivery by me/us to the bank.

I/we am/are all the persons who are required to sign on the above account. I/we have received a signed copy of this authorization form. **A VOID cheque is attached.**

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Parishioner Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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