

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....

IT'S CONVENIENT

Pre-authorized giving is a giving option available at no charge to you.

It eliminates the need for you to write a cheque each month for your regular donation.

IT'S ASSURED

If you are away on vacation, out of town on business or sick, your offering will be made ensuring the continued ministry of the church.

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 1st or 15th 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.*

**PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING
AUTHORIZATION FORM**

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 1st and/or

\$_____ on the 15th 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.**

Parishioner Signature Date

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Stewardship of Treasure

Many of the parables of Jesus speak to us about money or material possessions: the lost coin, the widow's mite, the buried treasure in the field, the rich young man, and the Good Samaritan who gives two silver pieces to the innkeeper. Jesus talks about money because he knows how personal it is to us.

Stewardship of treasure is not about giving to a need, but rather it is about the need to give. Stewardship is living out a commitment to be Christ-centered rather than self-centered. It is important for us to share our money and our material possessions because all the good things that God has made are meant to be shared. We need to return thanks to a loving God for the many blessings we have received.

How much am I expected to give? The question Stewardship asks is, "*How much do we want to give!*" This means giving from the heart as a faith response.

(from "*Stewardship – Celebrating and Sharing God's Gifts*", Archdiocese of Regina)

ATTACH VOID CHEQUE HERE

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