

Frequently Asked Questions about the Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) Plan

What is Preauthorized Giving (PAG) Program?

- Preauthorized Giving or PAG program is a direct debit program that allows parishioners to support our parish through an automatic monthly withdrawal from their bank account.

Why should I use PAG?

- PAG helps you budget your support of the parish, in the same way that you budget all your other household expenses.
- It ensures your support will continue regardless of your attendance on Sundays. It also prevents “catch-up” if you are absent from church and therefore unable to make your donation.
- It eliminates the need to keep track of your Offertory Envelopes or the need to remember to make your offering.

How does PAG help my parish?

- PAG facilitates regular and dependable flow of contributions.
- It helps the Treasurer manage the cash flow and administer the budget throughout the year.
- It reduces the time volunteer counters spend on bookkeeping and paperwork on Sunday mornings.

How do I sign up for PAG?

1. Decide how much you want to give to your parish each month and how you want your contribution to be allocated.
2. Complete the PAG Authorization Form, attach a cheque marked “VOID”.
3. Give the form (and cheque) to either the Parish Treasurer or place it in the offering plate. You will only be contacted if there is a problem with your Authorization form. Your offering will be transferred automatically from your account on the 20th of each month and will appear on your monthly bank statement. It will also be included on your annual charitable donation tax receipt from the parish.

Can I change or cancel my donation?

- If you wish to update your PAG amount, please submit a new form. The parish’s expenses change from year to year, and we recommend you review your PAG at the beginning of each year.
- If you need to cancel your PAG for any reason, please talk to the Parish Treasurer who will cancel your PAG in strict confidence.
- 20 days advance notice is required for all changes to be effective in the following month.

Are there any costs using the PAG Plan?

- The administrative cost to the parish is \$0.50 per month per donor, up to a maximum of \$45 per month. There will be no extra charge to the individual donor other than the normal chequing/debit fee from their bank.

What if I want to place a further donation in the offering plate?

- You may still use your offering envelopes to make further donations

We worship God with our offering

- The offering is an important part of our worship. Offering cards will be provided so that you can place a card on the offering plate as a symbol of your giving each Sunday.