

# **Pre-Authorized Electronic Giving**

## **St. Edith Stein Parish**

### **Rockland, Ontario**

#### ***What is eGiving ??***

• Electronic Giving, or eGiving as it is more commonly referred to, is a simple and easy method for Parishioners at St. Edith Stein to provide regular financial support to their Church. It's like using your debit card, except you don't have to carry the card with you. You simply complete a form provided by the Parish, drop it off at the Church, or put it in our collection basket at one of your regular Church services. You will then be provided with a quantity of eGiving cards that you drop into the collection plate to let the person know you are an eGiver, and that your offering has already been given to your Church. For your added convenience, there will always be a supply of these cards at the back of the Church.

#### ***The Advantages to YOU...***

##### **• Convenience**

- o Your Giving is withdrawn directly from your bank account and credited to your Church's account on a predefined monthly basis.
- o There is no need for you to worry about your envelopes every week.
- o If you are unable to attend a regular Church Service for any reason there is no need to make special arrangements for your Givings to the Church. It will happen automatically and conveniently.
- o No need to try and "catch up" when you return after being away for extended periods - you will always be up-to-date.

##### **• Confidentiality**

- o Your account information is stored in a confidential file.
- o Each payment date, the net debit (withdrawal) to your account is sent directly to your financial institution.

##### **• Cost**

- o There is no added cost to you.

#### ***The Advantages to YOUR Parish...***

- It can plan around a regular, known and dependable source of income for the upkeep of the parish and the to fund the various pastoral ministries and to provide for future initiatives.
- Simplified processing of Giving.

## ***Some frequently asked questions...***

- **What will my eGivings represent as I already donate with Regular, Building Fund and special Monthly envelopes?**

- o Initially we prefer to extend this service to Regular and Building Fund donations only. Please continue to use the Special envelopes as you do today. At a further date we will review and decide on whether to include them.

- **Do I still receive my box of envelopes?**

- o You can choose to receive your envelopes as you do now which include the special Monthly variety
- o *Special insert* envelopes include envelopes for Christmas, Easter, Needy, Pastoral Works, etc.

- **How will my eGivings be recognized?**

- o When the donation basket is passed during Mass services, you may place a pre-printed eGiving card, which is available at the back of the Church.
- o This eGiving card indicates that you are supporting St. Edith Stein through a Pre-Authorized Giving Plan.

- **Do all financial institutions participate in the direct debit program?**

- o YES! All financial institutions that offer chequing accounts accept Direct Debit Payments.

- **What type of accounts can be used?**

- o Almost any type of account: savings, chequing, etc. can accept Direct Debits.

- **How do I update/change my information associated with this program?**

- o Simply complete a new authorization form and place it in the collection basket, or deposit it at the church. Changes to the plan must be made in writing 30 days in advance of the effective date

- **Do I have to contact my bank to confirm my payments?**

- o NO! Your payments are debited to your account on the payment date. You will receive your normal statements from your financial institution.

- **Who do I contact if I have issues with my eGiving donations?**

- o Michael Nunan (613) 366-3060 or [finance@stedithstein.net](mailto:finance@stedithstein.net)

- **Will I receive a tax receipt for eGivings?**

- o Yes, like the current collection process, this too is tax deductible.

- **Am I obligated to participate in eGivings?**

- o No, if this program doesn't interest you, simply continue with your Regular donation schedule.