



PAR – Preauthorized Remittance

– the easy way to give regularly

Each Christian “should give, then, as they have decided, not with regret or out of a sense of duty; for God loves a cheerful giver.”

(2 CORINTHIANS 9:7)

The Church of St. Mary and St. Martha

Our church has on-going commitments that need our regular support. Because the church is important to us, we are each called to make a financial commitment to enable the ministry of our church to flourish. Preauthorized Remittance (PAR) makes it easier for us to fulfill our commitment.

We are a self-supporting church and receive no funding from any government agency. Although our parish may receive support from the Diocese from time to time, we are also required to give a portion of our income to the Diocese. We also support other needy charitable projects and organizations.

PAR is one option for giving to the church. Through PAR automatic debits are withdrawn from your bank account to support the ministry of your local parish. There is no extra charge to you. You may also use this form to support FaithWorks or other ministries in the Diocese of Toronto.

WHY SHOULD I USE PAR?

- PAR helps you budget your support of the church, 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 Offering Envelopes or the need to remember to make your offering.

HOW DOES PAR HELP MY CHURCH?

- PAR 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 Sundays.

HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR PAR?

1. Decide how much you want to give to St Mary and St Martha each month and how you want your contribution to be allocated (General Operating Expenses, FaithWorks, etc.)
2. Complete the PAR form (page 2 of this PDF). If you choose to make a donation from your chequing account, please attach a cheque marked VOID.
3. Give the form (and cheque) to either the Parish Office or place it in the offering. You will only be contacted if there is a problem with your Authorization form. Starting the following month, your offering will be transferred automatically from your account and will appear on your monthly bank statement. It will also be included on your annual charitable donation tax receipt from the parish.

HOW DO I CHANGE OR CANCEL MY DONATION?

- If you wish to update your PAR amount, please submit a new form. The church’s expenses change from year to year, and we recommend you review your PAR at the beginning of each year.
- If you need to cancel your PAR for any reason, please talk to the Parish Administrator who will cancel or make changes to your PAR in strict confidence.

PAR AUTHORIZATION FORM

The Church of St. Mary and St. Martha has partnered with The Anglican Diocese of Toronto and The United Church of Canada to offer a simple and secure pre-authorized remittance giving option. Use this form to start giving regularly and securely.

The Church of
St. Mary and St. Martha

- For registration of new PAR donors *or*
 For banking changes for existing donors

Donor name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal code: _____

E-mail: _____ Envelope#: _____

Local church: **The Church of St Mary and St Martha, 1149 Weston Rd, York, ON M6N 3S3**

Gift amount: \$ _____ This gift to the above church is to benefit

Local church: \$ _____ Other (please specify): \$ _____

OPTION 1: PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT

Please attach a VOID cheque.

I/We request/authorize The United Church of Canada (on behalf of The Church of St. Mary and St. Martha and the Anglican Diocese of Toronto) to debit my/our bank account on or about the 20th of every month, starting the 20th of _____, 20_____. I/we also recognize and agree to the following:

- I/we may change the amount of my contribution at any time by contacting our church PAR contact.
- I/we have certain recourse rights if any debit does not comply with this agreement. For example, I have the right to receive reimbursement for any debit that is not authorized or is not consistent with this PAR agreement. To obtain more information on my recourse rights, I may contact my financial institution or visit www.cdnpay.ca.
- I/we waive my right to receive pre-notification of the amount of pre-authorized remittance (PAR) and agree that I do not require advance notice of the amount of PAR before the debit is processed.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

OPTION 2: VISA/MASTERCARD/AMERICAN EXPRESS

Please note that a 2-3% service charge reduces the total of your donation to your congregation.

Card number: _____ Expiry: ____ ____ (MM YY)

Name on card: _____

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

The use, retention, and disclosure of personal information collected from this form is done in compliance with privacy legislation and adheres to the principles of the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (S.C. 2000, c.5).

Please return the signed form to
The Church of St. Mary and St. Martha, 1149 Weston Rd, York, ON M6N 3S3

FOR USE BY PAR ADMINISTRATOR

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