

CanadaHelps

In this time when staying home is exercising good stewardship, we can make it easier and safer for members who are not giving via pre-authorized (or who wish to make an additional donation) by utilizing CanadaHelps.

CanadaHelps (canadahelps.org) is a website listing all registered charities in Canada, which means that your parish should already be in its database. By activating your account, and providing them with your banking information, you can speed up your receipt of any donations made to you.

A small service charge is deducted from the donation (4% for a one time donation, 3.5% for recurring monthly donations) which includes all bank/credit card charges and the issuing of tax receipts.

The basic service is very user friendly, and the Diocese and several parishes (including the Cathedral of St Paul) have been using this service for years. Donor forms, receipts, and thank you notes can be customized, and donor information is available unless the donor requests anonymity.

You'll also be able to easily add a donation button to your website, social media, and links in your emails, along with adding this information to any physical mail you distribute.

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Note:

If you click on the button - Donate to Your Parish - on the diocesan website, it takes you to the same page as if you type in CanadaHelps.org

If you want a link to go directly to your parish, you need to put a link to your particular page.

Also, if you don't set up your banking information, CanadaHelps will mail you a cheque on a monthly basis. If you do set it up, you get a weekly electronic transfer.

