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## **ELECTRONIC GIVING**

For many years the electronic option of giving was not made available, as the cost of implementation was simply too high. In addition, the action of “dropping an envelope” into the basket might be missed. More recently electronic giving has become more practical financially and is totally embraced by a growing segment of society. In fact, for some people, writing a cheque or dealing with paper money has become a rare or even bothersome occurrence.

If this is the manner of “stewardship offering” you desire to use, we invite you to do so.

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT ELECTRONIC GIVING**

### **Q. What is Electronic Giving?**

Electronic Giving is a manner in which members and friends of Little Flower Parish may make contributions using the modern means of payment which is widely available and growing in demand by a large segment of society. Direct Debit is used to automatically transfer funds from your chequing or savings account to the church’s bank account. If you are already using direct debit to make mortgage and car payments or to pay utility bills, then you know how it works.

### **Q. What are the major advantages of electronic giving by Direct Debit?**

Direct Debit is about convenience for members who like to use these types of payment options. Electronic giving eliminates frequent check writing and helps members stay on track even when they are unable to attend services. The church in turn benefits from a reduction in the volume of cheque and cash contributions that must be handled and manually processed.

### **Q. How does Direct Debit Giving work?**

You sign and return an authorization form to the church indicating the amount you wish to contribute on a regular basis. You choose the frequency (weekly, bi-weekly, monthly or semi-monthly). Contributions that you specify on your authorization form are then transferred automatically from your chequing or savings account to the church’s bank account on the date you specify on your authorization form.

### **Q. How much does Direct Debit giving cost?**

It costs you nothing and it costs the church very little. It is the lowest cost method of transferring funds. The cost charged to the church is a cost per transaction and not a percentage of the amount. This means costs can be kept low if larger amounts are donated less frequently. The minimum transaction amount is \$20.

### **Q. What if I try electronic giving by Direct Debit and don’t like it?**

You can cancel your authorization at any time by notifying the church.

### **Q. How can I sign up for electronic giving by Direct Debit?**

Simply pick up an authorization form at the rear of the church, or download an authorization form from our website, or contact the parish office and request that an authorization form be sent to you. When you receive this form just complete, sign and return it to the church office by mail, or in the collection basket or by scanning and e-mailing to the church office.

Thank you for the support you give to our parish as a good steward of your time, talent and treasure.