



Diocese of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island

Diocesan PAR Program

April, 2007

Dear Treasurers;

I am pleased and excited to introduce to you the launching of the Diocesan *PAR* program starting May 1st, 2007!

PAR stands for, Pre-Authorized Remittance, and works on the same principles as any automatic debit program. Since January 1st of 2007, we have been testing this program in two parishes within the diocese, and the results have been extremely successful for both the parishes and the administration of the program. This in-expensive and convenient program allows parishioners to make a regular monthly offering to their parish, either by automatic withdrawal from a bank account or by way of a major credit card (Master Card and Visa). For the parish it will provide some guaranteed consistent income month to month throughout the year. Other benefits to parishioners and the parish are as follows:

Parishioner:

- *Regular support of your church community in the amount that you choose.*
- *Uninterrupted support of your church community when you are away.*
- *Avoidance of nasty "catch-up" periods.*
- *Can reduce the number of transactions through your bank account and applicable service fees.*

Parish:

- *Cash flow improves so that expenses can be dealt with on a timelier basis.*
- *Reduction of paperwork and bookkeeping.*

Enclosed you will find materials, for distribution in your parish, outlining the program, how to get started, a question and answer sheet as well as a master copy of a Change of Information sheet and Offering Cards which you can re-produce for your parish use. Some parishes are choosing to laminate these cards so they can re-use them each week. All of these materials are also available on the website. If you would like additional copies or have any questions, please phone Jana O'Neil, the administrator of the program, at the number below.

This information will also be sent to your parish warden, clergy and will be announced in the Net News as well as the Diocesan Times in May.

We hope you will take the time to review and consider the PAR program as we believe it will be of great benefit in assisting your parish in its financial stewardship goals.

Yours in Christ,

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