



Automated Giving Coming Soon!

Coming soon, we will be introducing *Faith Direct*, an exciting way to support our parish finances.

Faith Direct is a highly respected and secure company that is leading the way for parishioners to support their parishes through electronic means.

The *Faith Direct* program gives you a convenient way to support St. Margaret Mary Parish by electing to use direct debit like most of us do for other payments or charitable giving. It also gives you the opportunity to support our parish even if you are absent from Mass for travel or illness. And, it addresses the situation I know many families face on their way to Mass: *Where did I put my envelopes?!*

With *Faith Direct*, our parish will gain predictable cash flow that will help us with planning our parish needs and programs. As Christian stewards, it will give you the opportunity to better plan your finances when supporting our church.

How does it work? The folks at *Faith Direct* have made it very simple and will handle the entire process for our parish:

- (1) You may complete an enrollment form and simply return the form to *Faith Direct* headquarters, along with a cancelled check if you have selected checking debit or complete credit card information.
- (2) You may visit www.faithdirect.net and use our specific parish code for secure online enrollment.

There is no cost to you as a parishioner to enroll. Following the month in which you are enrolled, *Faith Direct* will begin debiting your specified account on the 4th of the month (or the next business day) for your offertory gift and/or second collections. You will receive confirmation on your bank or credit card statement, "offertory cards" to demonstrate your parish support, and you can set up access to your own individual account online.

More information about how to set up your enrollment with *Faith Direct* will be coming next month. I find *Faith Direct* a "win-win" for both parishioners and our parish and I plan on enrolling myself. I strongly encourage you to give the program your consideration. I am grateful for your financial and prayerful support of our parish. I am available to answer any questions you might have.

God bless,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Baxter".

Rev. Gregory P. Baxter