

Answers to Questions About the Automated Giving Program

Q: What is Electronic Funds Transfer?

A: Electronic Funds Transfer is an automatic program that allows you to make contributions to Santa Maria Church without writing checks.

Q: What is the advantage of Electronic Funds Transfer?

A: It saves! It saves work! It simplifies your life! It allows you to earn airline mileage or points while giving to your faith community! It also helps Santa Maria stabilize its budget and save money!

Q: How is my electronic transfer automatically deducted or charged to my account?

A: Once you authorize the transfer, your specified contribution is electronically transferred directly from your checking or credit card account to the church's account.

Q: When will my contribution be deducted from my account?

A: On the date you select when you complete the authorization form.

Q: If I do not write checks, how do I keep my check book straight?

A: Since your contribution is made at pre-established time, you simply record it in your check register on the appropriate date.

Q: Without a cancelled check, how can I prove I've made my contribution?

A: Your bank or credit card statements give you an itemized list of electronic transfers or you can call the parish office for a statement of contributions.

Q: Is Electronic Funds Transfer risky?

A: Electronic Funds Transfer is less risky than check contributions. It cannot be lost, stolen, or destroyed in the mail. It has an extremely high rate of accuracy.

Q: What if I change bank or credit accounts?

A: Simply notify us and we will give you a new authorization form.

Q: How much does electronic contribution cost?

A: It costs you nothing and saves you time.

Q: What if I try electronic contribution and don't like it?

A: You can cancel your authorization by notifying us at anytime. Just call or stop by the Parish Office.

Q: What if I want to increase my contributions?

A: You may call the Parish Office or email jsloan@smparish.org

Q: How do I sign up for Electronic Funds Transfer?

A: Complete and sign the authorization form located on the reverse side of this document. Return it to the Parish Office along with a voided check or credit card information.

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Sunday Collection EFT Authorization Form for Checking or Credit Card

Please Print Clearly

Name On Acct: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Daytime Telephone: _____

Date Transfers are to begin: _____

Please enter the amount to be deducted from your account:

\$ _____ **Monthly** (transferred on the 15th) (Checking / EFT)

\$ _____ **Quarterly** (transferred Mar. 15, Jun 15, Sept 15, Dec 15)

\$ _____ **Annually** (transferred on December 15)

Type of Account: Please circle one

Checking Account: Please attach a voided check

OR

Credit Card Account: *(Minimum \$100.00 monthly)*

VISA **MASTERCARD** **AMERICAN EXPRESS**

Credit Card Number _____

Expiration Date: _____

Zip code where your credit card statement is sent: _____

I authorize the Church of Santa Maria to process debit entries from my checking account or credit card as noted above. This authority will remain in effect until I give reasonable notification to terminate this authorization.

Authorized signature: _____ **Date:** _____