

## **St. Peter's Cathedral Finances during Covid-19**

All of us at St. Peter's Cathedral keep our parishioners in our prayers throughout the year but especially during these unprecedented times during the pandemic. We know that the pandemic has caused massive change for everyone to flatten the curve across Canada. One of the most dramatic changes has been the closure of our worship spaces and worship spaces across all denominations throughout Ontario. We understand that this has been very difficult for you to not gather as a parish for Mass and our Sacraments. However, everyone must do their part to stay safe and keep others safe. In that way, we will see a lessening of restrictions so that we are able to celebrate in the near future.

We want to thank all those Parishioners that have continued to give throughout this crisis. Your offerings have lessened the financial impact to the Cathedral. All those individuals who have donated through our pre-authorized giving, made electronic donations or who have written cheques and either delivered them to our mail box slot at the East Entrance of the Parish Centre or mailed their cheques to the office. These donations are very much appreciated by our team at St. Peter's Cathedral.

We are doing all we can to control the costs of the Cathedral and the Parish Centre while we have been closed and continue to make decisions to control our costs. In addition, we have a number of alternatives that have allowed our parishioners to give. Even though we are closed, the expenses of the Cathedral do not disappear and we are in need of our offertory giving and donations in order to defray these costs.

We have made considerable headway over the past couple of years to improve the finances of the Cathedral especially our debt situation. However, Covid-19 has had a huge impact to our monthly cash flow and we would like to minimize any borrowing in the future. We would like you to consider making an offering through these 5 methods:

- 1. Mail a cheque to the Cathedral Office -- 533 Clarence St., London, ON, N6A 3N1. Alternatively, you could drop a cheque in an envelope through our mail slot at the East Door of the Parish Center which faces Victoria Park.**
- 2. If you have a Parish Bulletin scan or tap the QR Code at the bottom of the cover page with your mobile device to access our donation page -- you will be prompted through a number of screens to donate with a credit card.**
- 3. On the parish website, there is a "Donate" button on the top and bottom of the Home Page screen which will prompt you to through a number of screens to donate with your credit card.**
- 4. When on the Donation Page, you can sign up for Preauthorized Debit Preauthorized Giving -- your offertory amount will come from your account automatically at the end of each month. This is a convenient way to give.**
- 5. Also, on the parish website, there are QR code instructions in the "About" tab at the top of the Home Page -- just scan or tap the QR code that appears on your screen and follow the prompts.**
- 6. St. Peter's Cathedral now has E-Transfer capabilities for your donations. It is especially helpful for those that want to give during the pandemic and are looking for another way to give electronically without using a credit card. You would first need to navigate to your bank account on-line and go to the Interac E-Transfer option. To donate by Interac E-Transfer, simply set up the email address 'basilica@dol.ca' as a recipient, choose the amount you wish to give, and press send! No password is required."**

We would like to thank you for considering this request and for your generosity throughout the years.

God Bless,

Brian Galea, Business Manager