

CONTRIBUTE TO CARE AND SHARE AUTOMATICALLY

In recent years you may have seen the following article in *The Harvest*:

"Contributions to Care and Share can be made automatically by transferring a monthly budgeted amount from your checking or savings account to a special diocesan account again this year. This method of contributing to Care and Share Appeal was introduced twelve years ago and the number of contributions using the method has increased every year. To initiate automatic withdrawals from your account, just fill out the "Authorization for Automatic Care and Share Pledge Payment" form in the Care and Share Brochure and attach a voided check or savings deposit ticket to it. Return the completed form to your parish for processing. Withdrawals will be made monthly on the date and in the amount you specify and will be reflected on your monthly bank statement. Contributions can be stopped or changed as needed by the donor upon request."

The automatic withdrawal program remains a very attractive alternative method of donating to Care and Share 2010. The Business Office has the capability to administer the automatic contribution program to Care and Share 2010 without additional banking support. In other words, the Business Office can make any change desired by the donor regarding their pledge to Care and Share 2010 without reliance on the bank. This capability permits us to be fully responsive to your parishioner's wishes. Remember that, for tax purposes, complete statements of donor contributions are made available to the parish at year-end for inclusion in your parish statements to your parishioners. As always, automatic contributions to Care and Share are reflected when received in the parish reports published in *The Harvest*.

Donors who contribute automatically to Care and Share historically contribute twelve times annually to the needs of the diocese compared to the typical parishioners who writes a one-time check to the appeal. The average contribution of the automatic donor to Care and Share now exceeds \$250 annually, while the one-time check writer contributes approximately \$25.

Please help publicize the ease and convenience of contributing automatically to Care and Share this year and encourage your parishioners to consider participation . As the number of donors using this method increases, your parish will have an easier time meeting its annual assessment to the appeal.