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Dear Friends,

I am pleased to announce that our parish will be offering you the convenience of an electronic payment option for automatically making your financial contributions to St Matthew as of November 15, 2010. We have decided to use the services of ParishSoft, their product is called Online Giving. We currently use ParishSoft for our parish database recordkeeping.

We as a parish have been blessed by the Lord in so many ways. It begins with our Eucharistic celebration and extends to our community of faith. As Catholics, we recognize all that we have – our time, our talents, our resources, even our very lives – are gifts from God. We are called to be good stewards of all these gifts, investing them wisely and generously for the sake of God's Kingdom. We know that our Lord's promise is to *"Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."*

Online Giving costs you nothing and provides many advantages to both you and our parish.

Benefits for You

- Eliminates the need to write checks to the church
- Donate anonymously if you wish
- Schedule your donations with your paychecks and/or your church's offertory schedule
- Allows you to give, even if you are unable to attend services
- Adjust your Online Giving contribution easily, any time you wish
- Use Online Giving in conjunction with offering envelopes
- Manage and protect your account information in the secure Online Giving site—without the risks inherent to putting your confidential account numbers on paper forms

Benefits for the Church

- Reduces check processing expenses
- Increases regular giving with recurring contributions
- Boosts accuracy of revenue forecasting
- Provides electronic donation summary for tax purposes
- Reaches a wider demographic of givers
- Accommodates special collections and missions
- Eliminates church staff's concerns regarding security of sensitive data
- Allows staff more time to focus on ministries and activities (rather than processing envelopes and contributions)

Please understand that Online Giving is not intended to replace the traditional Sunday Offertory, rather it is meant to enhance it. You may continue to receive envelopes if you wish while using Online Giving. Cards will be available at the doors for Online givers to place in the basket so that they can still physically participate in the Sunday Offertory.

Please prayerfully consider Online Giving. Information and "how-to" guides will be available in the Church after all the masses the weekend of November 20-21.

Sincerely,

Rev James B Flynn, Pastor