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What an interesting idea!

This is not a request for money! Our parishioners have always been very generous, and proved it once again in last summer's Covenant Campaign. Many of them chose to pay their commitments by credit card or by automatic payment from their checking account. They also requested that this be made available to them for the weekly Offertory collection.

We use money and pay bills differently from the past. I'm inviting you to consider joining many other parishioners through signing up for a new program: *Faith Direct*. This would permit you to fulfill whatever you decide is your financial commitment to St. Rosalie's even if you can't be at Mass because you're away or ill – or due to bad weather. (This past winter's "month of snow" decreased weekly collections by over \$9000 -- because people couldn't get there!) Add to that over \$7000 for snow removal and we've got a real problem!

Should you help us by using *Faith Direct*, all your contributions would come via automatic payment from your checking account or credit card – at no additional cost to you. As a participant, *Faith Direct* will provide you with a personalized "Offertory Card" that you can choose to place in the collection basket as a visible sign of your support. *Faith Direct* will also provide an itemized statement of your gifts at the end of the year for tax purposes. They have been serving churches for years, and it is completely secure.

We hope that you are interested. Please take home a *Faith Direct* folder from the area near the Church doors and see if the plan would fit your needs. You may also want to visit their website at: faithdirect.com for more information or securely to enroll online by using our parish code: **NY275** if you so choose. (We also have a link to *Faith Direct* on our website: saintrosalie.com) With online enrollment, you will be able to access your account at any time to view and make changes to your information or gifts. (You are also welcome to make changes anytime by contacting *Faith Direct* toll-free at 1-866-507-8757.) This plan will also help us save on weekly envelopes and postage.

Please give prayerful consideration to joining us in achieving greater certitude for St. Rosalie's financial stability. May God bless you and your loved ones.

Father Dennis