

## **DESIGNATED GIVING POLICY**

Contributions to the parish are given so that parish leadership, having approved a comprehensive budget, may use financial resources to meet the prioritized needs of the parish in light of the Parish Mission Statement.

The Pastor and/or Pastoral Council may establish special funds, not part of the operating budget, for which designated contributions can be accepted.

Monetary contributions/gifts made to a specific parish program within the operating budget are not the norm. Designated contributions for specific ministry can be accepted with the approval of the Pastor in consultation with the Finance Council, and must be offered through him. Memorial gifts are not designated with a memorial plaque.

Staff or parishioners should not be involved in solicitation of monetary contributions to the parish unless approved by the Pastor in consultation with the Finance Council and part of an approved fund. Solicitation for material/in-kind items from local businesses is permitted. No one should ever solicit funds, to be administered independently, in order to circumvent the approved budget.

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