



2026 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Transmittal Report Form Instructions for Processing Contribution Cards

Place each check on top of the contribution card.

***PLEASE DO NOT SEPARATE THE CHECKS FROM THE CONTRIBUTION CARDS AND
DO NOT STAPLE THE CHECKS TO THE CARDS.**

1. There will be two different contribution cards
 - a. Pre-addressed cards that they received in the mail
 - b. Generic cards (*not pre-addressed*) they received from you

2. Separate the completed contribution cards into two groups:

Group A: Cards with a payment.
Group B: Cards without a payment and have committed to give.

3. Process the cards by performing the following steps:
 - Preadressed cards (with parish and Dio Donor ID)
 - You will need to verify that the information on the card matches the attached payment.
 - If it does not – did they check a different amount than the payment? Remainder is probably coming at a later date and will be entered as a pledge with reminders (statements)
 - Generic Cards (*not pre-addressed*)
 - **I would like to make a total gift of:**
The **total** amount that they would like to give.

One of the next 2 options should be checked

 - My Gift is enclosed:
 - My Gift will come at a later date. Estimated arrival date _____

The options are here so we know what type of gift to expect and where it may be coming from.

- b. Confirm that all checks are signed, dated, and made payable to “Diocese of Des Moines.” **If a check is made out to your parish, endorse the check over to the Diocese.** Any checks or monies deposited by the parish for ADA should be reissued in the form of a parish check made out to the Diocese of Des Moines with “ADA” in the memo.

NOTE: If the parish deposits a check for the ADA, and then writes a check to the Diocese, the parish will need to include this contribution in their year-end statements, as the parish is the receiving organization. If the parish forwards a check directly to the Diocese from a donor, do not include that gift in the parish’s contribution records or provide other acknowledgments to donors – the Stewardship Office will do this.

- c. On any Generic contribution card which has **not been pre-addressed:**
- **Verify the parishioner information is complete and legible: Diocesan ID, Correct Name, Address, City, State, and ZIP Code.** We would very much appreciate the email and phone number be filled in on the card.
 - **Add the Diocesan constituent ID number (Dio Donor ID) to the contribution card.** The Diocesan constituent ID can be found by looking in ParishSOFT. The Diocesan ID can be found in the family record as “Diocesan ID” or on the family list screen as the “sDiocesanID.”
3. In preparation for completing the Weekly Transmittal Report Form, tally the information necessary for all of the contribution cards.
- a. Complete a Weekly Transmittal Report form (see enclosed copy). Keep a photocopy for the parish records and send the original to the Diocese with the contribution cards and checks.
- b. Place the payments on top of each contribution card. Please do not staple or paperclip the checks to the contribution card.
- c. Place a separate rubber band around Group A (cards with checks) and Group B (cards without checks).
- d. Place all completed contribution cards and checks in the white transmittal envelope provided.
- e. Place the appropriate U.S. postage and the return address of the parish on the white transmittal envelope and mail it to the Diocesan Finance Office.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact Laura Hofstrand at lhofstrand@dmdiocese.org or 515-237-5009