

THE DIOCESAN CONTRIBUTION OF PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE OF MONTREAL

All parishes, Christian communities, missions and public oratories have the obligation to overturn every year a contribution for the support of the diocese, its works and its services. **The amount of this diocesan contribution is 9 % of all the gross revenues of the organisations mentioned above.**

Gross revenues include:

- parish collections, diocesan mandatory collections, tithe and annual offering;
- donations and contributions;
- the complete amount received for announced masses, marriages, funerals, vigil lights, “Living in Christ”, extracts, certificates and other income of religious nature;
- the complete amount for pastoral activities;
- the fruit of the rent;
- revenues from activities as the exploitation of a bingo, a restaurant or a bazaar and from the other activities of the parish. This revenues is present in net (income realized less hired expenses*);
- interests and the dividends;
- income of the cemetery;
- sales of fixed assets;
- other revenues perceived by the parish (subsidies, reimbursements, etc.).

For the purposes of this contribution, parishes have the right to deduct from gross revenues:

- reimbursements of diocesan mandatory collections if they are included in income;
- the amount, the capital and the interests, paid on loans contracted with the approval of the bishop;
- subsidies received from the diocese;
- the total amount of major repairs of the church and the presbytery approved by the bishop (only for portion non financed by a debt);
- 25 % of rental revenues;
- expenses of cemetery (without including the payment of the diocesan contribution);
- others reimbursements if they are included in revenues (example: the refund of taxes, salaries, banking charges and insurance).

This diocesan contribution is sent it to ÉCONOMAT at the end of every month, by using the control sheet prepared to this end.

The religious communities of men and women are invited, according to an old custom in this diocese, to pay a contribution every year to ÉCONOMAT, for the support of the diocese.

The parishes which feel difficulties paying the contribution are asked to submit a resolution of the assembly of fabrique to the Committee of appeal which will proceed to the study of the file and will take a decision.

The diocesan contribution allows the diocese to keep its essential instruments of reflection, action, animation to carry out its evangelizing mission in the world of today.

We thank you for your understanding, generosity and attachment in the Church of Montreal.

Thank you for your collaboration.