



**Giving \$1 in the 60s  
is equivalent to  
giving \$10 today.**

# The buck stops here

**T**he cost of living has risen over nine hundred percent in the last 50 years.

That means \$10 back in the 60s would be worth nearly a \$100 today.

Giving a dollar or two back then is like giving \$10 or \$20 now.

So, those few coins placed onto the collection plate went a lot further than they do today.

And those few dollars go into a fund that covers expenses like car running costs, health insurance, medical and dental expenses, housekeeping costs and a very modest salary for parish priests, retired priests and deacons.

As well as their usual duties like baptisms, marriages, funerals, anointing the sick, proclaiming the gospel and celebrating Mass, priests are on call 24 hours a day for a wide range of pastoral work.

It's worth considering this as you open your purse or wallet for First Collection.

It's Living Catholic.

**M**any years ago, priests relied solely on the good will of their parish for income and support. However, this meant priests in wealthy parishes were well provided for while others struggled. So, in 1970 what is now called the Presbytery Fund was created to pool all funds to ensure a modest allowance for parish priests, retired priests and deacons.

This is where your generous donation at First Collection goes.

While the Adelaide Archdiocese greatly appreciates all donations given, the money doesn't stretch as far as it once did. Unfortunately, the average contribution at First Collection is less than \$2 per person.

The Presbytery Fund needs to double the income received through the First Collection.

An increase in your weekly donation, or a regular contribution by direct debit or credit card would enable us to achieve this goal.

Thank you.

*Living Catholic*

## I would like to support the care of our priests.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ P'Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please select one of the following options

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☐ I wish to give \$\_\_\_\_\_ per week via credit card

Charged monthly. Commencement of authority \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

☐ Single Donation (use credit card details)

\$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 Other \$\_\_\_\_\_

☐ Single Donation (Cheque or Money Order attached)

\$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 Other \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please make cheques/money orders to Diocesan Presbytery Fund

☐ I wish to give via Direct Debit (please contact me)

**Please return to your parish office OR mail to Diocesan Presbytery Fund, GPO Box 1364, Adelaide SA 5001**