



My Church must prevail

*A short introduction to church tax
in the Catholic Church in Denmark*



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When I look around me at mass, I see a diversity of age groups in the church. I want this fellowship between generations to be preserved so it lasts a long time, not just for me but for future generations. That way they will have an open community which accepts them when they need it.

Tri Nguyen, 21 years, student

Living faith creates the Church

The well-being of our Church is dependent on many things; first and foremost, a living faith and an active and conscious commitment of the parishioners and dioceses. This engagement is expressed through voluntary work, which we couldn't be without, and the willingness of self-sacrifice of many.

The framework protects the faith

In order for active belief to become true church life, we are dependent on the outer frames and structures. I refer to church buildings and the requirements for celebrating liturgies. It is important to have a place to gather as a church. We call the church our second home, but it costs money to maintain a building. We need priests to celebrate the liturgy and administer the sacraments. In addition to this there are many practical requirements that require paid staff.

Together we stand

In this leaflet you can read about the importance of being united as a Church, and how through your economic support you can make a genuine difference for the Church today and for the next generation.

Thank you for your valuable support.



+ Czeslaw Kozon
Bishop

Every day people are affected by your support when you pay church tax.

Here are some examples of how your support reaches out and changes the lives of people:

A priest's vocation

When a priest gets a vocation to serve God and to guide us in faith, he renounces the life you and I know. He intercedes for us and dedicates his life to serving his flock.

Church tax covers the basic cost of living of the priests. In addition, we invest in the education and training of the priests to ensure that we receive a reliable teaching of the word of God.

Strengthens the family

Your contribution ensures that the youth get resources and support through marriage preparation, to form healthy and strong families.

Comfort and consolation

Everyday people who seek consolation come to the church. Through silent prayer and help from the priest they come through the difficult times. The church building offers a sanctuary where one can seek God without worldly distractions.

Through your support the church can be inviting, warm and comforting so all can find relief in difficult times.



**Together we walk in fellowship with God
Together we support each other in brotherhood
Together we embrace the ones that seek**

Pave the way for the seekers

"Let the children come to Me", said Jesus

In the Church children and youth receive education and Christian fellowship. They build a lasting foundation which becomes a built in navigation for the rest of their lives. The Church also teaches adults who did not receive the faith as children and who seek answers to life's important questions.

Your church tax makes it possible to for people who seek answers about Christ. With your support you take them by the hand and provide a framework for their quest.

Make a difference today

For as little as 1% of your taxable income you strengthen the Church.

Together we reach out to those that seek and include the little ones.

Within these walls we celebrate united with all that find peace in Christ

A quick calculation

Average salary in Denmark is approximately 300.000 kr. a year. That is 25.000 kr. a month.

It amounts to a church tax of 250 kr. a month.

Do you earn more or less than the average?

Can you afford more? Then give freely with a cheerful heart.

Thank you for your support!

Offering & church tax

During mass, you participate in the offering.

But why not take it to the next level?

5 reasons to sign up for a church tax agreement

You get more for your money

You automatically get tax deductions for gifts paid via the church tax scheme. For every 200 kr. you invest in the Church, roughly 54 kr. will be returned to you. The Church receives the full sum.

We can plan activities

We can plan for future activities because we can count on your monthly contribution, even if you are unable to attend mass and participate in the offering next Sunday.

It's easier for you

You sign up once and for all. Your contribution runs automatically via e.g. Betalingservice

You show that we stand together

To *be* Church also means supporting the outer framework. With your monthly support you express your faithfulness towards the church fellowship.

You make the Church strong

Planned giving is the foundation upon which the Church can grow.

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work”

2 Cor 9.7-8

Kap.9.10

PAULUS' ANDRETT BREV

- færdig som en rigelig gave og ikke som en karrig gave.
- 6 Det er jo således: den, der sår sparsomt, skal også høste sparsomt, og den, der sår rigeligt, skal også høste rigeligt. *Ordsp. 11,24 f.; 22,8 f. Gal. 6,7 f.*
- 7 Enhver give, som hans hjerte har tilsagt ham, ikke tvært og tvungent; thi Gud elsker en glad giver. *2 Mos. 25,2. 5 Mos. 15,10. Rom. 12,8. Fil. 4,19.*
- 8 Og Gud har magt til i rigt mål at give jer al nåde, så I altid og under alle forhold har alt, hvad I trænger til, og endda rigeligt til al god gerning, *Sl. 112,9.*
- 9 som der står skrevet: »Han delte ud, han gav de fattige, hans retfærdighed* varer evindelig.» ** her i betydningen »godgørelse», se Matt. 6,1.*
- 10 Og han, som skænker sædemanden sæd til at så og brød til at spise, vil også skænke jer udsæd og forøge den mangefold, og han vil lade jeres retfærdighed bære rige frugter; *Es. 55,10.*
- 11 således bliver I rige i alle måder og kan vise al slags gavmildhed, som gennem os fremkaldes af Gud.
- 12 Thi den hjælp, som I modtager af os, er ikke som en tvungent gældsforpligtelse, men som en frivillig gave, som I selv har besluttet at give. I vil derfor altid have nok til at gøre alle gode gerninger, som I vil, og I vil altid have overskud til alle gode gerninger, som I vil, og I vil altid have overskud til alle gode gerninger, som I vil.

Paulus beder korinterne om ikke at nåde ham, men at bruge sin myndighed over for dem, i modsætning til sine modstandere, som han sig inden for det område, som Gud har tildelt ham, 12-18.

10 Jeg ser, Paulus, der jo er så spagelig, når jeg står ansigt til ansigt med jer, men så kry over for dem, når jeg er langt borte,* formanende ved Kristi sagtmodighed og mildhed. *2 Kor. 10,1-12,1.*

- 2 Og det er min bøn, at jeg, når I kommer til jer, må kunne træde modigt op* med den tro, hvormed jeg har i sinde dristigt gå frem mod visse folk, der mener at vi »lever på verdslig vis**».
- * ordret: vandrer efter bøn
- 3 Thi om vi end færdigvis er, fører vi dog ikke på verdens vis**.
- 4 I vil altid have overskud til alle gode gerninger, som I vil, og I vil altid have overskud til alle gode gerninger, som I vil, og I vil altid have overskud til alle gode gerninger, som I vil.

* ordret: kødelige. 2 Kor. 6,7. 1. 10.

Sign up already today

3 easy ways to sign up for a Church tax agreement:



Sign up online

Go to **www.katolsk.dk/tilmeld** and sign up online. We'll do the rest for you

Complete the registration form

Hand the form to your priest or send it to:



The Catholic Church in Denmark

Gammel Kongevej 15
1610 København V

Sign up by telephone

Call the Diocese office at **33 55 60 80**

Monday - Thursday between 8:30-12 and 12:30-16;
Friday 9-12.



Here you can also change the amount that you pay today, to another amount.

Let us help you

If you require assistance or have any questions please contact, Susanne Debora Madsen who is ready to give a hand.

Contact Susanne by telephone 33 55 60 56 or sdm@katolsk.dk

Your local priest can also help you with your registration. At katolsk.dk, you can read more about church tax.

