



The Church of St James, Porto

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Dear Friend of St. James,

If you pay tax (“IRS”) in Portugal, each year you have the opportunity, according to Portuguese tax rules, to allocate 0.5% of your total tax assessment to an approved charitable institution.

For anyone whose tax submission is done automatically, based on their employment or pension income, the deadline to nominate a charitable cause is **31st March**.

For all other individual taxpayers, the deadline remains 30th June.

If you fall into the first category of ‘automatic IRS’ and would like to nominate St James Church to benefit from this tax break (consignacao) all that is required is for you to complete the relevant section online.

Attached is a “print screen” showing the option on the Portal das Finanças and the “comprovativo” that can be printed. There is a drop-down list of approved entities and a search function to help. By entering “James” in the search function, the church immediately appears. Alternatively, enter the Church’s NIF, which is shown at the top of this letter.

Alternatively, if you use the services of an accountant, please ask them to show St James as your designated ‘consignacao’.

Please be assured that the amount of Portuguese tax that you are liable to pay in any one year does not change, but of the total amount you pay, 0.5% would be given to support St James.

As a result of the kind support of many in nominating St James in their 2020 tax declarations, the Church received Euro 6,400 from the tax authorities. This significant amount represents around 15% of total donations received in 2021, and shows how the cumulative action of each person can result in considerable financial help for the Church.

We clearly hope that if you supported St James previously in this manner you will do so again this year, and anyone who has not yet done so, to consider St James this year.

The Church receives a single agglomerated amount from Financas, being the total of all those tax payers who have kindly nominated St James. As taxpayers are not identified, we cannot acknowledge and thank you for your kind support, unless you forward us a copy of the ‘comprovativo’ mentioned above.

St James is entirely self-supporting and does not receive any income or grants from the Church of England or any other body.

If you have been nominating St James in previous years to benefit from this tax 'consignment', we thank you, and hope that you will continue to do so.

Should this be the first time, we also thank you for taking the trouble to spend a few more minutes than normal on your tax return in order to help St. James.

With best wishes

Angus S McDougall

For and on behalf of St James' Church Council