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Fifth Annual #iGiveCatholic Kicks off the Charitable Season on Tuesday, December 3

39 Archdioceses and Dioceses Across the Country to Participate on #GivingTuesday

New Orleans, Louisiana (October 15, 2019) – [#iGiveCatholic](#) is an online giving event that kicks off the charitable season and brings the community together to give thanks and give back. Considered the most successful Catholic crowdfunding event to date, the fifth annual #iGiveCatholic Giving Day will be held on [#GivingTuesday](#) – a global day of generosity, which will take place on December 3, 2019.

"#iGiveCatholic provides a unique opportunity for our Catholic communities across the country to rally together and support the organizations that shape our souls and make a positive impact – our parishes, schools and nonprofit ministries," said Cory J. Howat, President of #iGiveCatholic. "The growth of the Giving Day over these past few years has been beyond our wildest dreams!"

Created and launched in the Archdiocese of New Orleans, #iGiveCatholic has grown to yield great national impact. According to the Giving USA 2019 Annual Report on Philanthropy, a total of \$11.4 million raised on #GivingTuesday in 2018 went towards religion-related causes. That same year, #iGiveCatholic nationally raised more than \$5.6 million meaning this Giving Day program raised nearly half of all #GivingTuesday 2018 religious-related donations. This year's initiative will almost double the amount of parishes, schools and nonprofit ministries participating under the umbrella of 39 dioceses from across the country.

"The growth of #iGiveCatholic on #GivingTuesday and how it is motivating people to make a difference in their own communities is truly inspiring," said Kyle Hamilton, CEO of OSV, this year's national sponsor. "We are proud to partner with #iGiveCatholic to sponsor this extraordinary national day of gratitude and generosity and look forward to uniting to do good, inspire action and collectively raise millions for so many parishes, schools and nonprofit ministries on Tuesday, December 3."

For more information about #iGiveCatholic, and to learn more about the participating dioceses, parishes, schools and nonprofit ministries participating in this year's campaign, visit www.iGiveCatholic.org. Donors can give online on Tuesday, December 3, or advanced gifts may be made between November 18 and December 2. Anyone can donate, and the minimum donation is \$25. Those interested in donating can search the website by name or cause (hunger & homelessness, community advocacy, education, health & wellness, etc.) Connect with #iGiveCatholic on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) (@iGiveCatholic), and share posts by using #iGiveCatholic.

Editors Note: [CLICK HERE](#) for #iGiveCatholic videos (:15 & :30 seconds)

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About #iGiveCatholic:

#iGiveCatholic is an online giving event that provides parishes, schools, ministries and not-for-profits affiliated with partner arch/dioceses the opportunity to connect with their current donors and establish relationships with new donors. The goal of #iGiveCatholic is to inspire the Catholic community to come together as faithful stewards and to "Give Catholic" on #GivingTuesday, a global day of giving back. For more information visit www.iGiveCatholic.org.

About OSV:

OSV serves millions of Catholics and Catholic organizations globally through publishing, offertory and communication services. Established in 1912, OSV publishes OSV Newsweekly, *The Priest*, a wide range of books and Catholic curriculum, develops digital offerings such as websites, web-based giving and digital apps, and provides complete communication, stewardship, and offertory programs. OSV is a not-for profit organization. A portion of net earnings from resources are returned back to the Catholic Community through grants for catechesis, vocations, evangelization, and to advance the culture of Catholic life. For more information, visit www.osv.com.