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Sixth Annual #iGiveCatholic Kicks Off Charitable Season

Early Giving for the U.S. Catholic Church's Giving Day Opens Today, November 16

New Orleans, LA (November 16, 2020) – The 2020 #iGiveCatholic Giving Day kicks off the charitable season and brings the Catholic community together to give thanks and give back on [#GivingTuesday](#), which this year falls on December 1. This Sixth Annual #iGiveCatholic Giving Day will benefit nearly 2,500 Catholic organizations in the United States. The Advanced Giving Day phase begins today, November 16, and continues through November 30.

"#iGiveCatholic offers communities across the country an opportunity to participate in #GivingTuesday in a way that specifically supports and celebrates Catholic parishes, schools and nonprofit ministries," said Cory J. Howat, president of #iGiveCatholic. "Since we launched this initiative five years ago, we have seen tremendous growth in the number of participants and the amount of funds raised. We hope to exceed that once again this year. In a 'normal' year, Catholic organizations serve communities across the country through our churches and schools, food programs for the hungry, rental assistance and shelter for those in need, medical care, and tuition assistance, among many other services. This kind of compassionate care has been especially critical at a time when so many have been affected – physically, spiritually, and economically – by the global pandemic."

In addition to the parishes, schools and ministries of the 40 U.S. dioceses participating this year, 15 national ministries have joined the effort, and 160 schools across the country will take part independently with the support of the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA). Last year, #iGiveCatholic raised more than \$7.4 million from nearly 23,000 donors to support schools, parishes, and nonprofit ministries in dioceses across the country. Anyone can participate in #iGiveCatholic by visiting www.igivecatholic.org and making a minimum \$25 online donation to their preferred institution or organization on Tuesday, December 1, or during the Advanced Giving Day phase. In addition, offline gifts in any amount are welcome and appreciated and may be sent directly to the participating organizations.

"By harnessing the spirit of generosity inspired by #GivingTuesday, #iGiveCatholic presents a unique platform for individual donors to maximize their impact in support of Catholic schools, parishes, and nonprofit ministries," said Kyle Hamilton, CEO of Our Sunday Visitor (OSV), which is the initiative's national sponsor again this year. "We are pleased to partner once again with #iGiveCatholic in the hope that this will be a time of unity and gratitude benefitting these institutions and all the people they serve."

For more information about #iGiveCatholic and to learn more about the dioceses, parishes, schools and nonprofit ministries participating in this year's campaign, visit www.iGiveCatholic.org. Those interested in donating may search the website by diocese, organization name or cause (religion, education, poverty and hunger, etc.). Connect with #iGiveCatholic on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) (@iGiveCatholic), and share posts by using #iGiveCatholic.

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About #iGiveCatholic: #iGiveCatholic, the U.S. Catholic Church's Giving Day, is a national crowdfunding initiative that provides parishes, schools, and nonprofit ministries 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.

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