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**Seventh Annual #iGiveCatholic Breaks Funding Record
Nearly \$17M Raised in Support of Catholic Organizations Across the U.S.**

New Orleans, LA (December 16, 2021) – For the sixth year in a row, and despite the economic hardship caused by the ongoing global coronavirus pandemic, the [#iGiveCatholic](#) Giving Day broke its own fundraising record, garnering \$16,536,705 on [#GivingTuesday](#) 2021. Over 44,000 donors from all 50 states and 16 countries outside the U.S. gave at a rate of 29 gifts per minute to benefit 1,620 Catholic parishes, schools, and non-profit ministries through #iGiveCatholic. In 2020, #iGiveCatholic raised \$12.7 million.

“The overwhelming generosity of the Catholic community continues to amaze me,” said Cory J. Howat, President of #iGiveCatholic. “Even beyond the dollar amounts, by enabling participants to promote their Catholic mission and engage the broader community in a meaningful way, this platform and this giving day are a powerful tool for evangelization. We are especially grateful to [Our Sunday Visitor](#) for their support again this year as national sponsor of #iGiveCatholic.”

In the [Diocese](#) of Richmond, Sacred Heart Catholic [Church](#) and [School](#) chose as their #iGiveCatholic fundraising project the restoration of an iconic holiday light display featuring the Madonna and Child. The display has been beloved by the community of Danville, Va., since the early 1990’s when it was first installed over Dan River Schoolfield Mill and subsequently moved to Sacred Heart after the mill closed. “We are the only Catholic church for 40 miles,” said Mary Foley, Director of Administration and Finance. “Many of the people who supported this project aren’t Catholic, but they love that it’s a quiet reminder of what Christmas is all about – so much so that a local group of electricians have secured the donation of half the bulbs and the labor to restore it. The best part of #iGiveCatholic for us is sharing our Catholic identity with the whole community because of this beloved icon.”

[St. Michael Indian School \(SMIS\)](#) in the Diocese of Gallup was founded by St. Katherine Drexel in 1902 and participates in #iGiveCatholic through the [sponsorship](#) of the [National Catholic Educational Association](#). SMIS, which raised over \$20,000 on #GivingTuesday, provides the only Catholic education option for the Navajo Nation in northern Arizona and New Mexico. Renee Tsinnie, SMIS Advancement Director, describes #iGiveCatholic as an “excellent opportunity” other Catholic schools should take advantage of. “Over half of our students at St. Michael qualify for free or reduced lunch, and 90% attend on scholarship through the Arizona Tax Credit or other sources,” she said. “And nearly 100% of students go on to college. #iGiveCatholic is a great way to raise much-needed funds by engaging your alumni community while building awareness of your mission through their networks at the same time.”

As a first-time participant this year, [Vincentian Marian Youth-Southeast Missouri](#) (VMY SEMO) in the [Archdiocese](#) of St. Louis raised \$10,000 to help fund the many faith formation and service opportunities they provide for junior high and high school students in the region. “The funds we raised will go a long way toward helping us fulfill our Vincentian mission to serve the poor and help young people grow in the faith,” said VMY SEMO Executive Director Michael Giasi. “#iGiveCatholic is a wonderful way to connect with people beyond your geographical boundaries who support your ministry. We can’t wait to participate again next year in #iGiveCatholic!”

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For more information about #iGiveCatholic, or to view the full list of results (sortable by archdiocese/diocese, organization, total gifts, or total dollars), visit www.iGiveCatholic.org. Next year's Giving Day is set for #GivingTuesday, November 29, 2022.

[Editors Note: See #iGiveCatholic 'Thank You' [Video](#)]

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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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