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Tenth Annual #iGiveCatholic Raises Over \$23 Million

New Orleans, LA – December 16, 2024 – The U.S. Catholic Church's tenth annual #iGiveCatholic Giving Day raised \$23,413,550 – a 16% increase over 2023. 1,886 Catholic non-profit organizations in 71 dioceses received gifts from 57,705 donors in all 50 states and 20 countries. The giving day coincided with GivingTuesday on December 3; however, Advanced Giving began on November 18, and participating organizations continued to collect and record donations through December 10.

"In our tenth year, we are humbled and thrilled to witness the tremendous growth of this giving day for the U.S. Catholic Church," said **#iGiveCatholic President Cory J. Howat**. "The generosity of passionate donors who seek to make a direct impact while celebrating the beauty and goodness of our Catholic faith is truly inspiring. Catholic giving continues to showcase the enduring power of community."

Outstanding Organizational Campaigns

The top two fundraising campaigns were led by the **Archdiocese of Philadelphia**: <u>Catholic Charities</u>
<u>Appeal</u> raised \$603,503, and the <u>St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal</u> garnered \$513,018. Making its debut on the national top-ten leaderboard, <u>St. Francis Xavier Church and School</u> in Metairie, LA raised \$474,481 to fund replacing the school roof and repaying the parking lot.

"We are grateful and, indeed, overwhelmed by the support of our community for the #iGiveCatholic campaign," said **Fr. Joe Palermo**, **Pastor of St. Francis Xavier**, which secured the number three position nationally. "We shared the needs of our Church and School with the community, and our people responded in an incredibly generous way."

Notable Diocesan Outcomes

This year, #iGiveCatholic introduced **leaderboards for Archdioceses and Dioceses** to compare group results. The <u>Archdiocese of New Orleans</u> maintained the top fundraising position, while the <u>Archdiocese of Philadelphia</u> finished first in the number of donors.

On the diocesan leaderboard, there was a tight race between the <u>Diocese of Lafayette, LA</u>, which ultimately secured top honors for both the amount raised and the number of donors, and the <u>Diocese of Charleston</u>, which crossed the \$1M milestone for the first time, attracting 2,247 donors.

The <u>Diocese of Kalamazoo</u> raised \$103,440 -- the most among first-time diocesan partners – and the <u>Diocese of Dallas</u> saw significant growth in its second year, raising \$328,314 — a remarkable, four-fold increase from its 2023 total of \$73,521.



To explore the full leaderboards of results, visit https://www.igivecatholic.org/leaderboards.

#iGiveCatholic LIVE: A New Live Stream Celebrating Catholic Connection

New for 2024, #iGiveCatholic launched a **live stream broadcast** on GivingTuesday, featuring morning, afternoon, and evening segments. The program included live interviews, videos, and commentary showcasing diverse ministries, diocesan hosts, and organizational leaders. To view recordings of this engaging new feature, visit www.youtube.com/@iGiveCatholic.

Acknowledgments

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The program also benefited from collaborations with <u>Catholic Extension</u>, the <u>International Catholic Stewardship Council (ICSC)</u>, and <u>GivingTuesday</u>.

Join the Movement

Discover inspiring success stories from the #iGiveCatholic community by following **#iGiveCatholic** on Facebook, Twitter/X, Instagram, Threads, YouTube, and LinkedIn (@iGiveCatholic).

Save the date for next year's #iGiveCatholic on GivingTuesday: **December 2, 2025**. Dioceses and organizations interested in participating are encouraged to email info@igivecatholic.org to schedule a personalized presentation.

Editor's Note: View or download the results video here.

About #iGiveCatholic

#iGiveCatholic is a bishop-led initiative in partnership with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and numerous dioceses. It unites the Catholic community to inspire generosity and support vital ministries. Operating as an independent 501(c)(3) organization, #iGiveCatholic hosts the annual U.S. Catholic Church's Giving Day (www.iGiveCatholic.org) and the year-round #iGiveCatholic Together platform (www.iGiveCatholicTogether.org).

Since its 2015 launch, #iGiveCatholic has encouraged faithful stewards to "Give Back and Give Catholic" on GivingTuesday, the global day of generosity following Thanksgiving. As the first giving day celebrating Catholic heritage, it supports ministries and communities across the nation.