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2023 #iGiveCatholic Raises over \$1,081,500 Across the Archdiocese

The Catholic Foundation of North Georgia is proud to announce that #iGiveCatholic 2023 on Giving Tuesday raised \$1,081,535.22 from 3,664 donors, benefitting 92 parishes, Catholic schools, and ministries across the Archdiocese of Atlanta. At the national level, #iGiveCatholic raised over \$20.1MM throughout 52 dioceses and archdioceses.

The Catholic Foundation brought the #iGiveCatholic program to the archdiocese in 2017. For seven years, Catholics on Giving Tuesday have generously poured into the parishes, schools, nonprofits, and ministries that serve our community. Thank you for your support.

Ministries

Purification Heritage Center in Sharon was the ministry with the most funds, raising \$65,840 out of their \$100,000 goal. Sixty-nine donors contributed to Purification's goal of establishing a Ministry & Service Ambassador Program. This program will allow young adults the opportunity to grow in prayer and faith while working to manage the property (i.e. hospitality, marketing, nonprofit management, and agriculture) for a fruitful guest experience.

Centro Hispano Marista proved to be small and mighty, surpassing their \$1,500 goal at \$1,775. With the help of eight donors, Centro Hispano Marista will direct these funds toward providing "affordable, bilingual, GED preparation classes for adults." Since their inception in 2012, 400 graduates of the program received their GED.

Schools

For another year, St. Pius X Catholic School in Atlanta was the high school and organization with the highest funds raised across the archdiocese, accruing \$156,423 for its annual fund from 219 donors. Originally, their goal was \$100,000, but they reached it so quickly on the giving day that they decided to raise it an extra \$50,000 – and even then, they still surpassed it. They ranked #15 on the national leaderboard.

St. John Neumann Regional Catholic School in Lilburn hoped to raise \$10,000 for general financial support in funding the cost of educating students, in areas such as technology, arts, and athletics. They far surpassed their goal. Thirty-three donors generously gave \$22,161, helping the school provide a more accessible and high-quality learning environment in the midst of increasing tuition rates.

Parishes

Two parishes in particular had outstanding results. The Cathedral of Christ the King in Atlanta, the parish that raised the most funds in the archdiocese, had a \$75,000 goal that was exceeded at \$76,430 from 244 donors. With these funds, the Cathedral will install automatic door openers

on eight sets of doors to provide an inclusive experience for all, whether it's a parishioner in a wheelchair or a mom juggling her children.

Holy Family Catholic Church in Marietta met their \$10,000 goal thanks to 29 donors. Holy Family plans to use these funds to repair the exterior of the 40-year-old rectory, particularly its windows. The priests will be able to enjoy a revitalized living space.

Some additional success stories from around the archdiocese included:

- Emory University Catholic Center – Out of the four campus ministries fundraising, Emory came the closest to reaching their goal at 98%. Their #iGiveCatholic donations will go toward decorating the communal space, upgrading office technology, providing meals for students, and more.
- St. Mary's Catholic School in Rome – The school raised \$27,899, which was over double their goal. Four donors teamed up to match \$5,000.

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About the Catholic Foundation of North Georgia

The Catholic Foundation of North Georgia helps Catholics make a lasting difference in the community. We attract, professionally manage and invest gifts to support the long-term financial needs of parishes, schools, charities, and other ministries.

Our vision is to ensure the Catholic community and its ministries have the financial resources to serve and make a difference in the lives of current and future generations. More information is available at cfnga.org.

About #iGiveCatholic

Celebrated annually on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving, Black Friday, and Cyber Monday, #iGiveCatholic is an online giving day that kicks off the charitable season and brings the Catholic community together to give thanks and give back. As the first-ever online giving day created to celebrate our unique Catholic heritage, #iGiveCatholic inspires faithful stewards to "Give Catholic" on #GivingTuesday, a global day of giving.

Declared "the most successful Catholic crowdfunding event to date" by the National Catholic Register, the goal of the #iGiveCatholic Giving Day is to rally our Catholic community in support of the organizations that shape our souls: Our parishes, schools, and nonprofit ministries. Secure, tax-deductible donations to eligible Catholic organizations located in participating dioceses will be accepted at iGiveCatholic.org during a 24-hour period on #GivingTuesday, November 28.

#iGiveCatholic is a bishop-led initiative in partnership with lay leaders in Catholic philanthropy.

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