

## **PARTICIPANT FAQs**

What is #iGiveCatholic? #iGiveCatholic is a giving day event for the faithful from participating dioceses across the nation (and the world!) to unite and donate – both online and offline – to their favorite participating Catholic parishes, schools, and ministries. #iGiveCatholic presents an opportunity for Catholics to support the organizations they are most passionate about on #GivingTuesday, and for our parishes, schools, and ministries to raise funds for a capital improvement, their annual fund, or another project of their choosing.

Who can participate? All 501(c)(3) Catholic parishes, schools, ministries, and other not-for-profit Catholic organizations in the Archdiocese of St. Louis are invited to participate! Archbishop Rozanski joined the #iGiveCatholic Board of Directors this year and he'd appreciate your participation. The set-up cost to participate has been paid by Archbishop Rozanski through the *Annual Catholic Appeal*, however online gifts made through the online giving platform are subject to transaction fees to cover credit card processing, technical support, training, and marketing materials.

**How does it work?** #iGiveCatholic provides searchable giving pages for parishes, schools, and ministries affiliated with the participating arch/dioceses/foundations nationwide. Anyone can donate to their favorite ministries during the Giving Day and online donations made through the portal will be processed through iGiveCatholic.org.

**How do I register my organization?** Organizations may begin applying for participation in the 2024 #iGiveCatholic Giving Day on August 18, 2025. You can also review the information posted in our "Getting Started" section for everything you'll need to know about the giving day.

**Do I have to use the #iGiveCatholic online giving portal?** Certainly, ...in a way. A part of #iGiveCatholic is the giving portal, opened for the convenience of donors and for those organizations that do not have a robust online giving platform. However, did you know that you can have a successful #iGiveCatholic day without a single gift going through the portal? Gifts from any source (including your own online giving page, donor advised funds, matching gifts, or direct cash gifts) can be added to your #iGiveCatholic leaderboard. The online giving portal is just a convenience, a tool, to help those donors who may otherwise not know how to give. The credit card fees for using the portal are only charged to those donations that use it.

What are the credit card transaction fees for gifts that are made through the portal? All online gifts made through the online giving platform are subject to a 5.25% + \$.30 transaction fee (down from 5.8%) to cover credit card processing, technical support, training, and marketing materials. Over 73% of donors opted to pay these fees in 2023, meaning for every \$100 donated to an organization, they received an average of \$98.79. You can learn more about the online transaction fees by clicking here.



What is a "fiscally sponsored" organization? Fiscally sponsored organizations are those whose donations are received by the Archdiocesan Finance Office and then transferred to the agency. Organizations that are not fiscally sponsored receive their #iGiveCatholic donations directly into their own bank account. If you're unsure into which category you fall, please email us at <a href="mailto:igivecatholic@archstl.org">igivecatholic@archstl.org</a>.

My organization is fiscally sponsored by the Archdiocese, why is my profile still showing that I need to enter banking information? The new MightyCause platform allows organizations to use their profile to participate in more than one sponsored event. The "Bank Account & Verification" option is there for organizations that may be sponsored for one giving day event, but use their own bank account for a second event.

I have additional questions - who can answer them? If you have additional questions, please contact our archdiocesan team at <a href="mailto:igivecatholic@archstl.org">igivecatholic@archstl.org</a>, or reach out to one of our team members directly - <a href="mailto:Brian Niebrugge">Brian Niebrugge</a> or <a href="mailto:Jack Wagner">Jack Wagner</a>