



## HELP FOR THOSE WHO NEED ONLINE GIVING SUPPORT

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Dear Friends in Christ,

To address the looming financial crisis to our parishes, dioceses and other Catholic institutions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, one of the International Catholic Stewardship Council's nonprofit partners, #iGiveCatholic, a Catholic Giving Day service, will turn on its platform today to provide the resources needed for Catholic parishes, dioceses and other ministries to connect with their parishioners and donors and invite online contributions such as offertory giving.

The Most Reverend Gregory Aymond, Archbishop of New Orleans, the Most Reverend Wilton Gregory, Archbishop of Washington, D.C. and the other bishops who make up the #iGiveCatholic board of directors want to use the service as a stop-gap solution for online giving.

**For the nearly 40 dioceses that already use the #iGiveCatholic platform:** you will have instant access to the Web-based platform today.

**For dioceses that have not participated in #iGiveCatholic previously:** you will also be able to take advantage of the service quickly. #iGiveCatholic will provide a comprehensive and individualized website on its platform for each diocese which includes a base site to list all diocesan parishes, schools and other ministries on a global page. A modest technical installation fee is all that is required. To take advantage of this opportunity, please contact Cory Howat or Julie Kenny at #iGiveCatholic via email [julie@igivecatholic.org](mailto:julie@igivecatholic.org).

**For mission dioceses served by Catholic Extension:** Catholic Extension has generously stepped up to cover your participation. Mission dioceses should contact Tom Riordan at Catholic Extension at (831) 320-3571 or [triordan@catholicextension.org](mailto:triordan@catholicextension.org).

**For Catholic schools and other Catholic organizations:** the #iGiveCatholic platform can help you if you currently lack the ability to receive gifts online. Contact Cory or Julie as noted above.

On behalf of the ICSC board of directors, I wish to express my own gratitude to the bishops and #iGiveCatholic team for making this platform available immediately to serve our Catholic family of faith in this time of crisis. If #iGiveCatholic's resources are appropriate for your situation, I pray it will offer you the temporary assistance you need.

Let us continue to pray to the Lord for all those affected by the pandemic, that he deliver us from the current crisis and that he grant us the gift of peace.

In Christ's service,

Michael Murphy  
Executive Director