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2020 GIVEN CATHOLIC YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP FORUM

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The 2020 GIVEN Catholic Young Women's Leadership Forum will take place Wednesday, June 10th through Sunday, June 14th at the Catholic University of America. The annual GIVEN Forum is designed to help young adult Catholic women with a heart for mission and an aptitude for leadership identify their particular gifts and find practical pathways to put them in the service of the Gospel.

Applications for the 2020 GIVEN Forum will open on Friday, November 1st. Young adult Catholic women, ages 21-30, who are seeking leadership training, faith formation, and mentoring to better understand and pursue their particular mission and vocation are invited to apply for the GIVEN Forum. As part of the application process, each GIVEN Forum applicant will propose an Action Plan - her unique initiative to activate her God-given gifts in the Church and in the world. The application deadline is February 3, 2020.

The days of the GIVEN Forum will be structured around the three-fold theme of helping the young women attendees "receive the gift they are; realize the gifts they've been given; and respond with the gift that only they can give." Each day will feature keynote speakers, panel discussions, leadership trainings, prayer workshops, mentoring, and time for prayer and the sacraments.

Keynote speakers at the 2020 GIVEN Forum will include Colleen Carroll Campbell, Michelle Benzinger, Gloria Purvis, and Sr. Mary Madeline Todd, O.P. Panel discussions will cover the topics of *Living Maternity: One Call, Many Vocations*; *Engaging the Culture: Femininity in Action*; and *Millennials on Mission: Emerging Women Leaders*. Each Forum attendee will participate in a specific track (entrepreneurial, post-missionary, Catholic professional, secular professional, general discernment) that will help to shape the small group discussions and mentoring received throughout the Forum.

The 2019 GIVEN Catholic Young Women's Leadership Forum was attended by 120 young women, who came from 30 different states throughout the United States, as well as Ireland and Canada, and represented a variety of professional, educational, and vocational backgrounds. The 50 religious sisters and 25 lay women mentors who accompanied them throughout the Forum are now providing ongoing support and mentoring as the young women implement their Action Plans throughout this year in the *Art of Accompaniment Mentoring Program*.

Rachel Harkins Ullmann, Executive Director of the GIVEN Institute, stated, "The GIVEN Network is expanding at a rapid pace. Women representing 57 dioceses attended the 2019 Forum and we expect an even wider reach this year. The impact of the young women's Action Plans is astounding, touching diverse sectors of society and serving the weak and vulnerable in the Church and the world. GIVEN activates the unique gifts of women, both lay and consecrated, to engage the culture and address the concerns of our time." For more information about the event, visit: www.giveninstitute.com/given-forum-2020.