



# 2020 GIVEN INSTITUTE OVERVIEW



# DISCOVER THE GIFT SUMMARY

June 10-14, 2020 | GIVEN'S First Online Event

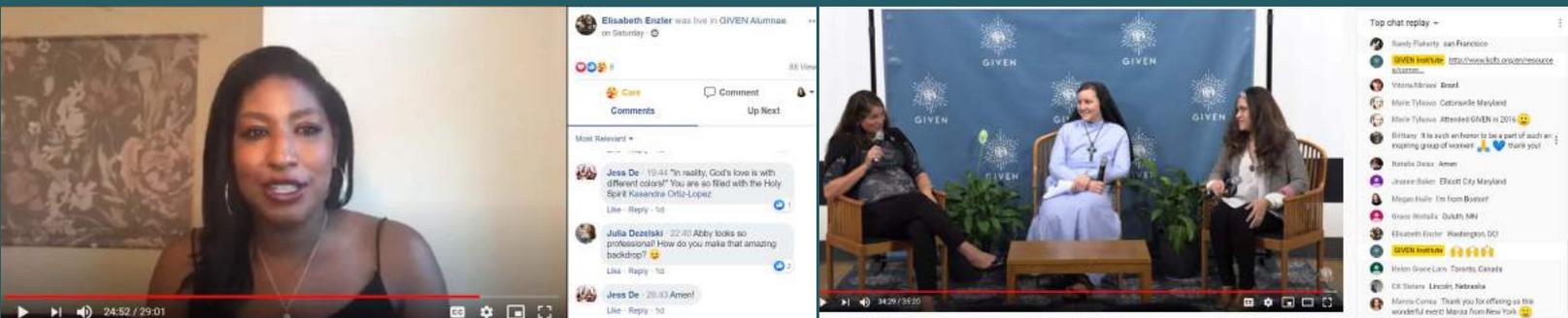


Discover the Gift took place from June 10-14, 2020 as a "taste of GIVEN" offering keynote speakers, leadership training, prayer with religious sister communities, and online networking. While this online event took place due to the global pandemic, great opportunities unfolded as a result. Approximately 2,000 women across the globe, including GIVEN Alumnae and more than 50 religious sisters from 26 communities, had the chance to become part of the GIVEN Network and "receive the gift that they are, realize the gifts they have been given, and respond with the gift only they can give."

In addition to inspiring keynote talks on GIVEN's themes, Discover the Gift also offered leadership training in English and Spanish from a diverse group of Catholic female leaders. These short videos offered practical advice about ministry, discernment, public speaking, and Christian identity, to name a few!

Discover the Gift included real-time opening and closing programs, live-streamed from the Saint John Paul II National Shrine. It also connected attendees with religious orders across the country through live-streamed daily Morning Prayer, prayer at the Hour of Mercy, and Compline.

The Discover the Gift program was further enriched by an interactive online event guide, music in Spanish and English from women in the GIVEN Network, and daily Visio Divina prayer from Behold, a GIVEN-alumna-founded ministry. These elements made Discover the Gift a truly immersive experience while maintaining the flexibility and longevity of online content.



Discover the gift that only you can give. Because of the gift that you are.

# KEYNOTE TALKS

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Keynotes and leadership tips remain available on YouTube at no cost due to the generosity of our donors. [www.youtube.com/giveninstitute](http://www.youtube.com/giveninstitute)



## CASTING THE VISION SISTER VIRGINIA JOY, SV

*"It was particularly healing for me to hear affirming and loving words from these Religious Sisters. It was beautiful to see their own gifts shine in talks and prayers." - survey response, 30-39 year old attendee*



## RECEIVE THE GIFT YOU ARE DEBBIE HERBECK

*"There's just too many gems in this video. I can rewatch this again and again in the future and it will never be boring." - comment on YouTube video*



## REALIZE THE GIFTS YOU'VE BEEN GIVEN

MOTHER GLORIA THERESE, OCD & SISTER MARIA GORETTI, OCD

*"Thank you so much for this talk! I'm currently on my journey to try to discern whether I'm called to religious life. This talk, especially the exercise of viewing patterns in your life to help you see your God-given gift, really helped to emphasize my call to be a teacher, my current profession. So, whether or not I'm called to religious life, I also know that I'm called to be a teacher, and I take great comfort in doing God's work in that way." - comment on YouTube video*



## RESPOND WITH THE GIFT ONLY YOU CAN GIVE DR. MYMA ALBAYDA

*"Wow! That was one of the most beautifully authentic talks I have ever heard. What a gift you are Myma! Thank you for sharing the beauty of your heart with us." -comment on YouTube video*



## ACTIVATING THE NETWORK SONIA QUINTERO

*"I, Kate, am capable. I, Kate, am chosen! I should be open to and embrace my God-given gift, originality, and distinctiveness. Therefore, I will continue to be transparent and vulnerable because that is my strength in sharing God's truth, beauty and goodness." - survey response, 24-year-old attendee*

# WHAT'S NEXT FOR GIVEN?

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## CONNECT WITH THE GIVEN NETWORK

GIVEN has an active social media presence with the handle @giveninstitute on Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube. Follow us for inspirational and practical Catholic women's leadership content! GIVEN Alumnae also stay involved through a private Facebook group, Alumnae Q&As, and as guest writers for the GIVEN blog and saint biographies.



## MASTER CLASSES

In the fall of 2020 and spring of 2021, GIVEN will offer a series of master classes taught by lay and consecrated religious women leaders. Access to the classes will be available for purchase to those who wish to learn or sharpen the practical skills that today's Catholic female leaders need.

## GIVEN GATHERINGS

The GIVEN Institute is under the patronage of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and we are launching very special GIVEN Gatherings around the country on her feast day! On December 12, 2020, women from all over the country will host gatherings in their homes to build community with local Catholic women and promote devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe. GIVEN will offer activities and leadership formation. Women will leave with a greater awareness of the GIVEN mission, the miracle of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and the network of Catholic female leaders in their area.



## LEADERSHIP FORUM

Save the date for the 2021 Forum! The GIVEN Catholic Young Women's Leadership Forum will take place June 9-13, 2021 at Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. GIVEN will welcome over 200 young Catholic women and their lay and religious mentors for five days of faith formation, leadership training and community building. It's our flagship event and promises to be fruitful!

## CATHOLIC FEMALE LEADERS IN ACTION

All over the country and the world, GIVEN Alumnae and women in the Network are using their gifts and leadership skills to serve others through Action Plans. Whether writing a book, starting a new ministry, or hosting an event, GIVEN women are building up the Church and their communities with their God-given gifts. GIVEN recently hosted a pre-screening of the new movie FATIMA as a creative way to come together in a time of physical distance! We encourage everyone in the GIVEN Network to continue putting their gifts into action.

