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**2022 GIVEN CATHOLIC YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP FORUM**

NOVEMBER 2, 2021 – The 2022 GIVEN Catholic Young Women's Leadership Forum will take place Tuesday, June 21st through Saturday, June 25th in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The annual 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 2022 GIVEN Forum will open on Tuesday, November 2nd. Young adult Catholic women, ages 21-30, who are seeking leadership training, faith formation, and dedicated 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 18, 2022.

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.

Each Forum attendee will participate in a specialty (Entrepreneurial, Catholic Professional, Secular Professional, Artistic, and Care for the Human Person) that will help to shape the small group discussions and formation received.

The 2021 GIVEN Catholic Young Women's Leadership Forum was attended by 118 young women, who came from 32 different states throughout the United States, as well as Canada and Mexico, and represented a variety of professional, educational, and vocational backgrounds. The 60 religious sisters and 30 lay leaders 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*.

Meghan Cokely, Director of Evangelization for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, attended the 2021 Forum and said, "Having tasted it for myself this year, I can say with great conviction that GIVEN is a work of God. Throughout the week, there was the palpable sense that this event emerges from contemplation; that it is the fruit of authentic prayer and union with Christ. From the beauty of the liturgies, to the radiant femininity of the speakers, the orthodoxy of the teaching and the attentiveness to the individual woman that was built into the event, I found GIVEN to be truly a work that proceeds from the very heart of Holy Mother Church. I see the Forum as a kind of furnace to which I can send our women to be formed, transformed, and ignited for mission in our local Church." The GIVEN Institute is honored to accept the invitation of the Archdiocese to host the GIVEN Forum in Philadelphia with programming taking place at Neumann University as well as events at the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary and the Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul - home of the tomb of St. Katharine Drexel.

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