





Share with us in the chat:

1. Your name & where you are joining us from
2. What you are grateful for

History of GIVEN



- 2015 Year of Consecrated Life and Hilton Foundation grant
- 2016 Inaugural Forum and first cohort of Action Plans
- 2018 Synod of Young People, Faith and Vocational Discernment

“[We] are looking for companions on the journey, to be embraced by faithful men and women who express the truth and allow young people to articulate their understanding of faith and their vocation. We strongly feel that we are ready to be leaders, who can grow and be taught by the older members of the Church, by religious and lay women and men.” ~ Young People across the Universal Church

- 2018 Incorporation of The GIVEN Institute and launch of The Art of Accompaniment Mentoring Program
- 2018 Publication of **Unrepeatable: Cultivating the Unique Calling of Every Person** by Dr. Joshua Miller and Luke Burgis



People use the word "vocation" in many different ways, though, to refer to different aspects of calling. "Personal vocation" is the spirit that animates all of them -- the way they are lived out. Personal vocation does not sit beside them: it comes before, after, above, and below them.

When I describe personal vocation, some Catholics immediately stop me and say, "Oh, you are talking about 'little v' vocation, not 'big V' vocation." They usually mean that "big V" vocation (the more important vocation, presumably -- because it's big) is "state in life," while 'little v' is some more specific duty inside of it. This is NOT what we are saying! First of all, it's reductionist and confusing to bifurcate vocation into two levels -- "little v" and "big V". This implies that there are really two vocations -- one more important than the other, or, at best, one lived out "within" or "after" the other one -- and it destroys the unity of life that leads one down the path of vocation in the first place. God calls the WHOLE PERSON, not the "big Person" and the "little person." Again, personal vocation is the fundamental call that strikes at the heart of the person, without which every other call is unintelligible.

Personal vocation is the way each unique person was created and is called to give and receive love in the world.

- 2019 Release of Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation: **Christus Vivit**

"Becoming a saint means becoming more fully yourself, becoming what the Lord wished to dream and create, and not a photocopy. Your life ought to be a prophetic stimulus to others and leave a mark on this world, the unique mark that only you can leave. Whereas if you simply copy someone else, you will deprive this earth, and heaven too, of something that no one else can offer." ~ Pope Francis

- 2019 Forum and integration of lay mentors
- 2020 Discover the Gift online event, launch of GIVEN Academy and Gatherings
- 2021 Forum and announcement of partnership with OSV Innovation Challenge
- 2022 Forum in Philadelphia, integration of lay women as volunteers (predominantly alumnae), and announcement of partnership with The Inscape Center for Personal Vocation

GIVEN activates the gifts of women for the Catholic Church and the world. Through leadership training, faith formation, and dedicated mentoring, GIVEN forms women for mission and for life.

GIVEN believes that Catholic female leaders are those disciples of Jesus Christ who, receptive to the grace of God the Father and boldly responding to the Holy Spirit, become fruitful for the Kingdom through lives of prayer, virtue and giving of themselves and their gifts in service of others.

A GIVEN Volunteer is

- Committed to her own spiritual growth in Christ
- Generous with her wisdom and accompaniment, drawing from her own lived experiences
- Available to support and encourage through the gift of her Spiritual Motherhood
- A witness of Catholic female leadership, by your active presence in your assigned volunteer role and prompt response to calls for assistance

Event Volunteer Roles



- Liturgy (sacristans and musicians) and Holy Hour Prayer Team
- Care for the Environment
- Technology
- Hospitality and Receptionist
- Recreation and Entertainment
- Medical Team
- Transportation of guests
- One on one concierge
- Action Plan Strategists and Religious Life Discussions

Vulnerable Adults

Exploitation, Harassment and/or Abuse

Self-Injurious Behavior and/or Self-Harm

Reporting

Documentation

Resources

Healthy boundaries and future interaction

1. Recorded Trainings from Dorrie, Darilyn and Josh
2. MCODE Assessment is a gift for you!
3. Suggested reading and consecration prayers
4. Prayer time and conferences with Father Burns prior to young women's arrival in Philadelphia

Room and Board, Health and Safety, Volunteer Role parameters

You will receive a schedule when you arrive with team names and leaders

Lizzie Showalter will be supporting Ochie in assigning roles and being your point of contact at the Forum

Facebook group for travel coordination and to network with others

Timeline



June 19 Sunday:
Arrival at Neumann University
for GIVEN Staff, All
consecrated women, and
Volunteers

June 20 Monday:
Volunteer Team Meetings, Mass
with Archbishop Perez, and
Conference with Fr. John Burns

June 21 Tuesday:
Young women arrive!
Opening Mass with Bishop
McIntyre, “Casting the Vision”,
and Ice Cream Social

June 22 Wednesday: “Receive the
Gift that You Are” and Catholic
Female Leaders Celebration

June 23 Thursday: “Realize the
Gifts You Have Been Given” and
Holy Hour at the St. Charles
Borromeo Seminary Chapel

June 24 Friday: “Respond with
the Gift Only You Can Give”
and Entertainment Night

June 25 Saturday: Closing
Keynote and Mass at the
Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter
and Paul (Downtown Philly)

Questions??

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