



GIVEN GATHERINGS

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Dear Friends,

The GIVEN Institute (“GIVEN”) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to activating the gifts of young adult women for the Catholic Church and the world.

We inspire and equip the next generation of female leaders to “receive the gift that they are; realize the gifts they’ve been given; and respond with the gift that only they can give.”

GIVEN Gatherings are regional events designed to bring communities of women together to be inspired by and act on these themes. The mission of GIVEN and GIVEN Gatherings impacts three key groups: **young adult women** who are looking to the Church to guide them in their search for identity, community, and purpose; **established Catholic women leaders** who are looking to inspire the next generation to carry on their work and ministry; and **the Church and the wider culture**, which need the gifts and contributions of faithful, skilled women at all levels of mission and ministry.

As the organizer of a GIVEN Gathering, you have the opportunity to bring Catholic women leaders together to meet, pray, network, and grow in their feminine identity together. Read more about GIVEN Gatherings and how to get started in this packet. By partnering with GIVEN, you receive access to our national network of speakers, sisters, mentors and alumnae. We take care of event planning, advertising and administrative tasks and support you at every step.

You are giving a beautiful gift to your local community -- thank you! You are using your gifts to build a healthy, holy, and hope-filled future for our Church.

In Christ,

Rachel Harkins Ullmann

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!

HOSTING WITH GIVEN

Planning Roles

GIVEN

- Hosts a webpage with details about your event and registration
- RSVP tracking—we'll collect registrations and answer any questions. We will share attendee information for your contact lists as well.
- Invites religious sisters and GIVEN Alumnae in your area to volunteer or attend
- Works out details with catering and other vendors
- Offers further opportunities for guests to connect with local Catholic leaders

SPONSOR ORGANIZATION

- Finds venue
- Runs the event “on the ground” and communicates with GIVEN staff
- Invites women in the area to attend

IN COLLABORATION

- Identify speakers and small group leaders
- Invite musicians for Mass
- Invite chaplain and/or guest celebrant
- Provide liability insurance
- Promote the event to local networks
 - Sponsor: local parishes/bulletin announcements
 - GIVEN: diocesan calendars, GIVEN network, women's groups, paid online advertising

EVENT TYPES

GIVEN Gatherings are customizable based on the gifts and needs of the organizer and her local community. Speak with the GIVEN team to develop your personalized schedule, topics, and hosting quote.

FULL DAY GATHERING

A full day gathering offers the most complete exploration of the themes as well as the most time for building connections among the women. Speakers give talks on the themes Receive the Gift You Are, Realize the Gifts You've Been Given, and Respond With the Gift Only You Can Give. Workshop elements give attendees concrete takeaways for prayer and mission. Includes breakfast and lunch, and participants can attend Mass.

HALF DAY GATHERING

A half day gathering offers exploration of the themes in a condensed timeline that can be accessible to more women in the community. Speakers give talks on the themes Receive the Gift You Are, Realize the Gifts You've Been Given, and Respond With the Gift Only You Can Give. Includes breakfast, and participants can attend Mass.

EVENING GATHERING

An evening gathering offers the most flexibility of scheduling and topic. A panel speaks about a relevant topic in the area of the feminine genius and Catholic female leadership, and attendees have the opportunity to pray and network.

DISCOVER THE GIFT WORKSHOP

A workshop offers an introduction to GIVEN for an existing group, such as a women's group at a parish or school. Led by a local alumna when possible, this workshop equips the women in your group to receive the gifts that they are, realize the gifts they've been given, and respond with the gift only they can give in concrete ways.

SAMPLE SCHEDULES

FULL DAY GATHERING

7:30 — 8:00	Registration & Breakfast
8:00 — 8:15	Opening Prayer & Welcome by Hostess
8:15 — 9:30	Talk: <i>Receive the Gift that You Are</i> & Small Groups
9:30 — 9:45	Individual Reflection & Break
9:45 — 11:00	Talk: <i>Realize the Gifts You've Been Given</i> & Small Groups
11:00 — 11:30	Individual Reflection & Break
11:30 — 12:30	Lunch
12:30 — 1:30	Talk: <i>Respond with the Gift Only You Can Give</i> & Small Groups
1:30 — 2:00	Individual Reflection & Break, Confessions Available
2:00–2:45	Mass
2:45 — 3:45	Action Plan Workshop
3:45 — 4:00	Closing Remarks

HALF DAY GATHERING

7:30 -- 8:00	Registration & Breakfast
8:00 -- 9:00	Welcome remarks, Talk: <i>Receive the Gift You Are</i>
9:00 -- 9:15	Individual Reflection & Break
9:15 -- 10:00	Talk: <i>Realize the Gifts You've Been Given</i>
10:00 -- 10:30	Individual Reflection & Break
10:30 -- 11:15	Talk: <i>Respond with the Gift Only You Can Give</i>
11:30 -- 12:00	Mass

Ready to get started? Contact Megan Haile, Events & Network Coordinator:

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DISCOVER THE GIFT THAT ONLY YOU CAN GIVE BECAUSE OF THE GIFT THAT YOU ARE.

Here's what women are saying about GIVEN...



"GIVEN allowed me to better understand how much women are needed in our world. God used GIVEN to really form my identity as a woman and to show me His will in my life."

—MICHELLE NUNEZ

"I left feeling not only incredibly empowered and ready to take on my entrepreneurial action plan, but ready to enter into the vocation of marriage, as well! GIVEN was hands down the most transformative, empowering and inspiring Christian women's conference I have ever been to."

— CORYNNE STARESINIC



"We are deeply grateful to have been a part of this blessed event and I have been personally enriched by this experience in many ways. As sisters, you are giving us the opportunity to live out our feminine genius and spiritual motherhood in a profound way and you are helping to transform the lives of so many women!"

— SR. MARIA GORETTI, OCD

"GIVEN was such a blessing, and I will be pondering and reflecting on all that the Lord did there for months to come. I am so encouraged by the women of the Church, and I feel emboldened to live out my feminine genius more fully... The Holy Spirit is stirring up something beautiful!"

—KELSEY CRONIN

