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## Give STL Day Includes High Number of Catholic Organizations

*Roughly one-tenth of participating organizations are Catholic or Catholic-affiliated*

**ST. LOUIS** – Nearly 90 St. Louis-area Catholic organizations, agencies, schools, or affiliated ministries are registered to participate in Give STL Day, the 24-hour, online giving event organized by the St. Louis Community Foundation. According to the Foundation's website, 867 organizations have signed up, of which 87, or roughly 10%, are Catholic or affiliated with the Archdiocese of St. Louis and the Catholic Church directly or indirectly. A listing of all Catholic organizations can be found at [stlouisreview.com/give-stl-day](http://stlouisreview.com/give-stl-day).

The stated goal of Give STL Day is “to inspire the community to come together for 24 hours to contribute as many charitable dollars as possible to support the work of local nonprofit organizations.” The high number of Catholic organizations participating in Give STL Day is a testament to the deep roots of the Catholic faith in St. Louis and show the impact of Catholic organizations within the greater community.

“The mission of Catholic Charities is to help those in need, to work for improved social conditions for all, and to encourage others in the community to do the same,” said Theresa Ruzicka, president of Catholic Charities St. Louis. “To a great extent, the mission of Catholic Charities can also apply to any Catholic agency, school, or organization, because that is what our faith in Jesus Christ calls us to do. As sacred scripture says, ‘whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.’”

The St. Louis Community Foundation reports that the three previous Give STL Day raised nearly \$5.5 million. Last year's effort was the highest total to-date, with \$2.15 million raised.

The Archdiocese of St. Louis is in the midst of its own [Annual Catholic Appeal campaign](#) which raised nearly \$14.9 million in 2016, and the [Beyond Sunday campaign](#) through the Roman Catholic Foundation of Eastern Missouri which is raising more than \$100 million to fund Catholic schools in the archdiocese.

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