



HAPPY 1ST ANNIVERSARY, UPRISE!

A NextGen, Global Catholic Movement of Generosity, thru the 14 Works of Mercy



Make A Generosity Commitment...

Change the world by sharing your love and mercy...change the lives of others as well as your own...consider making Catholic causes, organizations, and experiences your generosity priority today, and throughout your lifetime, as well as part of your legacy!

Join A NextGen Movement...

Join or make your own group of young adults, primarily ages 14-25 years old; yet UPRISE keeps spreading in year one to younger middle-schoolers, as well as adults up to 35 years who have generosity and service to others as their family, school, and life values-in-action!

Share Your Love & Care with Others...

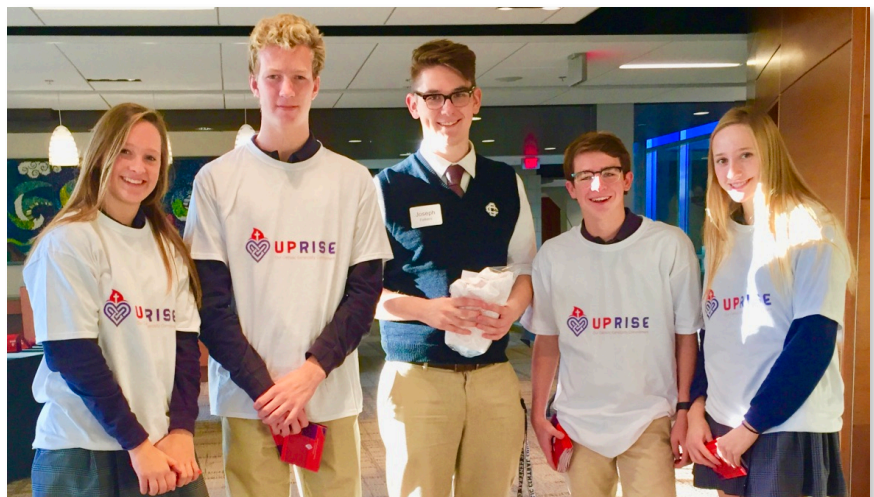
Spread your love and kindness thru the sharing of your time, talent, treasure and ties - go ahead and use the 14 Works of Mercy to get started, one caring act at a time!

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We remain so grateful to...

Our **Triune God** and the promptings of the Holy Spirit who created over a two year timeframe, UPRISE. We sincerely appreciate the support of His Excellency, Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak, 12th Bishop of the Diocese of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Mark Morrow, Executive Director of the Catholic Foundation of West Michigan for their invitation



We'd Love to Invite you to Join UPRISE!



Why should Pope Francis' 2016 Jubilee Year of Mercy stop at just one year? Let's keep it going. Let's do our part to make the world a better place. Let's spread love and caring and encourage others to do the same. Let's pay it forward. Together, let's **UPRISE!**

Three (3) Easy Steps!



1. REFLECT & DECIDE

Decide to make the generosity commitment, then tell your parents and friends.

2. LET US KNOW YOU ARE IN

Sign up here <https://catholicuprise.com> and spread the word of your generosity commitment on social media, share your story of why you joined.

3. UPRISE - PUT YOUR OWN GENEROSITY IN ACTION!

to help "soft launch" **UPRISE:** *Our Catholic Generosity Commitment* one year ago! We offer a deep appreciation and gratitude to all the volunteer Founders of UPRISE for all their time, talent, and tremendous hearts to help shape, design, and bring to life this global NextGen, Catholic Generosity Movement: Greg Deja, Grand Rapids, MI, Colleen Danielle, Philadelphia, PA, Maddi Durbin, New York, NY, Kelli Smith, Grand Rapids, MI, Robin Welsh, Rockford, MI, and Grace Welsh, St. Paul, MN.

Special thanks, too to our distinguished panel on 20 October 2018 at the Catholic Business Leaders Forum who shared their personal testimonies of why joined the UPRISE generosity movement, while members of Catholic Central High School's Principal's Advisory Committee who also provided critical guidance to help shape the entire nextgen, social media movement, and participated in the kick-off by offered UPRISE materials to more than 150 breakfast guests.

We also want to thank the Executive Leadership and student representatives from several School and Community Partners throughout West Michigan who joined us for breakfast and supported the kick-off: Muskegon Catholic Central High School, West Catholic High School, Sacred Heart High School, Saint Patricks in Portland, Sacred Heart Academy, Aquinas College, Saint Mary's Foundation, and Catholic Charities of West Michigan.



We could not have launched UPRISE without Don Kalisz and his talented teammates of Revel Design in Muskegon, MI designed the brand, website, materials and presentation in such beautiful ways - *we are forever grateful!*

Year One Focus: Spreading the word, Building the UPRISE Movement...

Immediately following the kick-off, Greg Deja and Grace Welsh offered to go “on the air” during Holy Family Radio’s Autumn 2018 fundraising Campaign, providing listeners the background on the movement, as well as their own personal stories of how they intend to put their UPRISE



Commitment into action. Thank you, Saint John Edues, (1601-1680) for blessing us as our Patron Saint of the UPRISE movement and for his inspiring founding of the Order of the Sacred Lady of Charity.

Highlights of UPRISE introductions, activities and launches are listed below - the Stories of Impact created by so many UPRISE movement-makers are also features on our website: <https://catholicuprise.com/impact-stories/>. we remain so inspired to continue to work with all of you to keep growing the UPRISE movement, particularly in these most challenging times in our beautiful Catholic church. Catholic NextGen engagement and generosity, as well as renewed courage and commitment by us “old-timers” too, is needed *now* more than ever before - be on the look-out for an UPRISE feature in the December 2018 issue of FAITH Magazine, a publication of the Diocese of Grand Rapids...deepest thanks to Annalise Laumeyer, Patricia Mish, & Paul Kopenkoskey for your ongoing interest in and support of UPRISE!



Thank you all for a wonderful first year of UPRISE and for your continued participation - join us in 2019 and help grow UPRISE in your family, school, parish, and community - - locally, regionally, nationally and globally! Thank you, UPRISE, Movement-makers for doing all you have done for others these past 12 months - keep your stories of impact coming, we will post them on our website while you post them on your social media!! *Christ’s blessings to each of you!! UPRISE!*

All Done in His Name, *Colleen*

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UPRISE Year One Highlights: *Spreading the word, Building the UPRISE Movement...*



UPRISE 2017 Regional Soft-Launch: Catholic Foundation of West Michigan Catholic Business Leaders Forum, 20 October 2017

UPRISE Focus: Pope Francis's World Day of the Poor, 19 November 2017

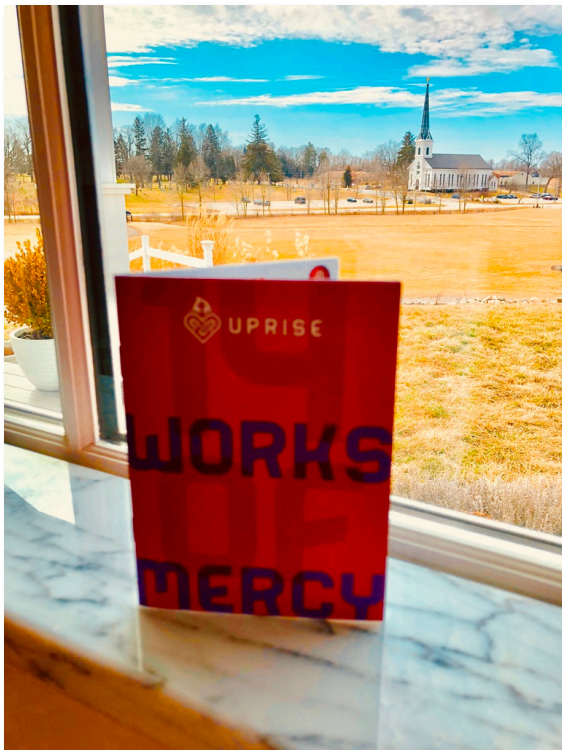
UPRISE 2017 Global Launch with the Diocese of Grand Rapids, MI: #GivingTuesday, 28 November 2017

#GIVING TUESDAY



UPRISE Introduction: Saint Patrick Youth Ministry, February 2018

UPRISE 2018 Roll-out - New UPRISE Journals, in time for Lent!



UPRISE Introduction: West Catholic High School, February 2018



UPRISE Work of Mercy:
Saint Mary's Hospital ICU
Family Waiting Room,
December 2017



UPRISE Introduction & Pilot During Lent:
Newton Country Day School -Sacred Heart
System, Boston, MA February 2018

UPRISE Introduction & Kickoff: Catholic
Central High School, Grand Rapids, MI,
February 2018 & Anonymous donors
giving \$500 to launch! January 2018

UPRISE Work of Mercy: Harmark Skilled
Nursing Center, Benton Harbor, MI,
December 2017



UPRISE Introduction: Saint
Patrick's of Parnell Confirmation
Retreat, Rockford, MI
February 2018





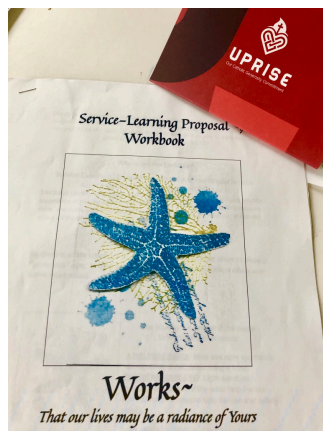
UPRISE Introduction: Muskegon Catholic High School leadership, Muskegon, MI - March 2018



UPRISE Work of Mercy: Lunch to the Homeless on Division Street, Grand Rapids, MI - March 2018



UPRISE Work of Mercy: Surprising a guest and taking them grocery shopping! Battle Creek, MI - April



UPRISE in Action:
June 2018
Nikki Kevic, 7th grade teacher at Saint Patricks School in Parnell establishes an after-school, service learning program and includes UPRISE!



UPRISE 2018 Social Media Coordinators : Three cheers to Grace Welsh and Trinity Went for awesome social media coverage! Thank you both!!



UPRISE Work of Mercy : Garden for God's Kitchen, Grand Rapids, MI June, 2018

UPRISE Freshman Retreat: Catholic Central High School, October, 2018



UPRISE Work of Mercy : Inspiring dozens to help fund a new boiler for the Carmelite Monastery furnace, Parnell, September, 2018



UPRISE Year One Toast!: Catholic Business Leaders Forum, Grand Rapids, MI, October, 2018



Many Ways to Advance the UPRISE Movement into 2019:

Spreading the word to friends and family

Invite others to join you in the UPRISE Movement

Start an UPRISE Club

Share your own Works of Mercy with Others

Post your UPRISE on your favorite Social Media

Keep up to date with UPRISE Stories of Impact on our website

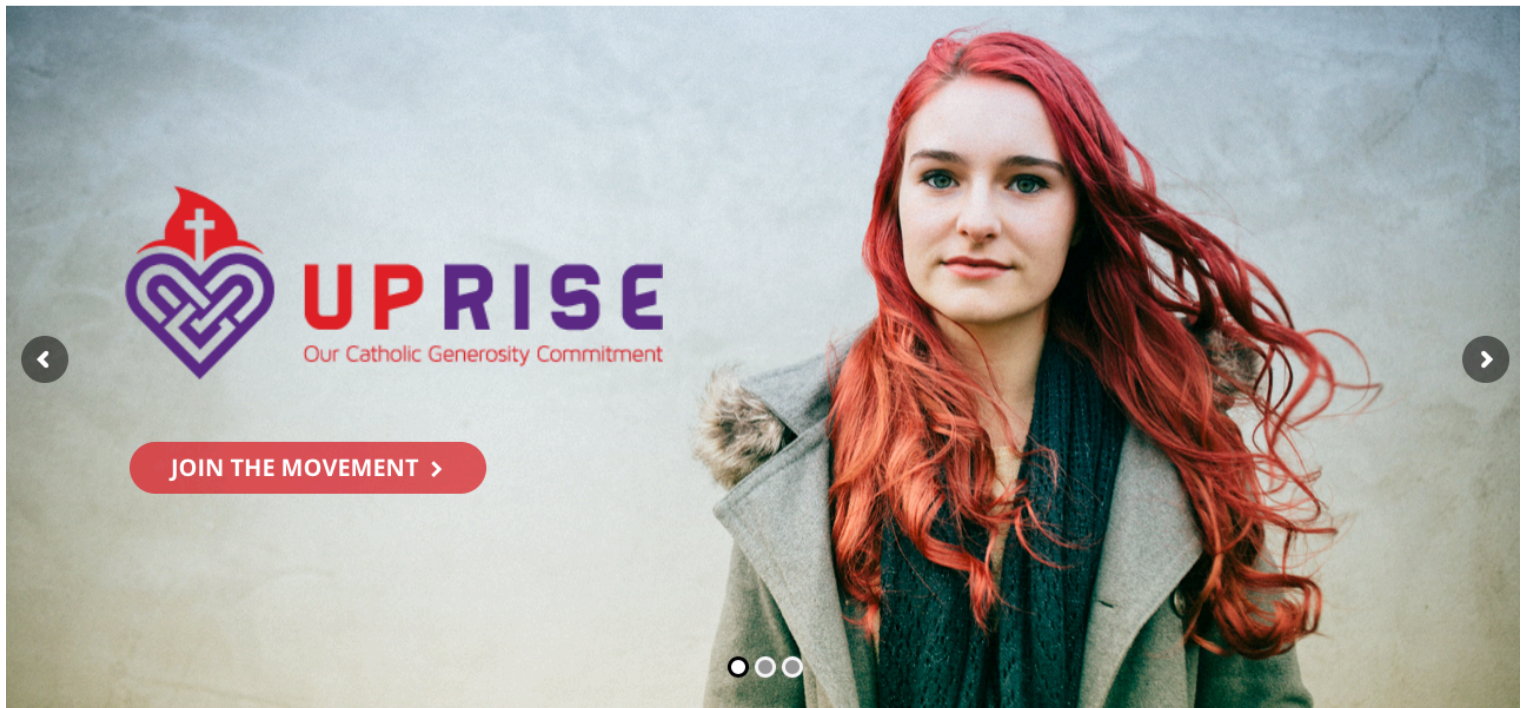
Give of your time, talent, treasure and ties now to your Parish on #GivingTuesday 11/27

Help Build the UPRISE Movement!



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