

# UPRISE-IN-ACTION 2022

**Build Community | Remain Whole, Together | Give Christ's Hope & Love**

## **Build Community**

UPRISE desires among all generations the expression and sharing of hope and unity by those who have individually joined the movement; yet move beyond their individual commitment and actions which can be isolating... Tapping into Pope Francis through Laudato si (Praise Be To You) has called us to take sincere "swift and unified global action..." *together!*

## **Remain Whole, Together**

UPRISE affirms that we are all in this life, together; we are all struggling at this time, together; and through sharing the Works of Mercy we will all come out of this *whole, together*. We will continue to unify and build up our beautiful Catholic Church and the Kingdom of God, based on the Divine Virtues of faith, hope, and mutual love.

## **Give Christ's Hope & Love**

UPRISE can provide more tangible, visible signs of hope, in a world that is in great need ...recent times have created great uncertainty and division. The Light of Christ pierces the darkness; He supports the hope that is in all young people. UPRISE is countercultural, to counteract the uncertainty; bringing Christ who is certain in all uncertainties and always The Light! We all stand in wonder and awe of God and that accompanies our UPRISE Works of Mercy!



## **UPRISE begins its 6th year serving the Lord and each other!**

UPRISE is the global, Catholic Generosity Movement that invites young people and young adults to offer their personal commitment to our God to keep Catholic generality a priority in their life - - by donating their time, talent, and network of friends and family, sharing their unique love and service to others in need.

Founded by the workings of the Holy Spirit and a volunteer committee of several adults and their young adult children in





## 2022 UPRISE ENGAGEMENT STRATEGIES

### 1. PRAYED

- Individually and in Groups prayed in silence; to remain still to hear the whisper of God's loving direction for UPRISE's future and how to serve others.

### 2. SERVED DEVELOPING GLOBAL UPRISE LEADERS

- Reached out by country to those who have supplied emails and invited them to help build out UPRISE, locally.
- Posted on the UPRISE website their submits of Stories of Impact.

### 3. DEVELOPED NEW UPRISE WEBSITE

- Our paused social media Campaigns of the first three years placed a new focus on the UPRISE new website as the leading support to *those already in the movement*. Featured several global Stories of Impact to share what is being done, and what is possible to do, used by others.

### 4. CREATED A PATRON SAINT

- Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta has been suggested for our gratitude and intercessions! Young adults love young Saints, too! Saint Mother Teresa, *pray for us!*

- 5. **PRAYED MORE** - *"How Lord, to best mobilize the UPRISE movement, so it may honor and be most fruitful for YOUR WILL?"*

October 2017 in the Diocese of Grand Rapids, MI, the UPRISE Catholic Generosity Movement now has thousands of people from 50 counties who have joined UPRISE, mobilizing as their generosity approach, the 14 Works of Mercy!

Fundamental strategic questions regarding the future of UPRISE were posed during a Founder's Zoom Meeting, January 2021:

- *How do we better support each other?*
- *How do we provide a more supportive community to those who have individually joined UPRISE; one that is dynamic and evolving, deeply enjoyed?*
- *How can we create a sense of belonging together with continual evolution?*
- *How do we sustain that great UPRISE individual commitment with perpetual community support in ways that are organic, spontaneous, personal?*

These thoughtful questions sparked a great group discussion and guidance on how to support the volunteer UPRISE community the past couple of years. ***What is the role for UPRISE going forward, what are your thoughts?***

The following highlights **2022 UPRISE Catholic generosity photo examples** by young adults, their families, and friends, reflecting UPRISE's **three pillars of engagement**: **Build Community**; **Remain Whole, Together**; and **Give Hope & Love**.

*God bless each of our global UPRISE movement-makers who live Catholic generosity by sharing Works of Mercy for the needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ, and our universal Church! Come Holy Spirit, continue to bless your people who love you!*



**Build Community-** Greg Deja, UPRISE co-founder, now executive director for the Catholic Foundation of West Michigan, USA, helped launch a *Parish Legacy Society Fund* at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Parish, Grand Haven, MI USA which will provide future financial support from parishioner estate planning.



**Remain Whole, Together-**

Shumaila Yaqoob, UPRISE movement-maker from Pakistan has created and is registering a new NGO for Christian education and providing food and basic needs to children in her local community!



**Give Christ's Hope & Love**

Irumba Robinson, UPRISE movement-maker from Uganda inspired other UPRISE movement-makers to help him support his daughter's emergency medical needs, and purchase a wheelchair to support her mobility while growing!



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