



Using Your #iGiveCatholic Envelopes for Offline Donations

Your organization may accept #iGiveCatholic gifts one of two ways. “**Online**” donations are those gifts given and processed through your profile page on <https://erie.igivecatholic.org/>. “**Offline**” donations are cash or check gifts given directly to you. These gifts must be processed according to **your organization’s** standard operating procedures. To count towards your giving day totals, they must be manually entered through your #iGiveCatholic/GiveGab dashboard.

#iGiveCatholic’s National Sponsor, **Our Sunday Visitor**, www.osv.com, is providing participating organizations with envelopes that can be used to accept cash or checks from your supporters. Please follow these directions for processing **all** cash or check gifts as offline donations, either returned to you via these envelopes or given in another manner in support of your #iGiveCatholic campaign.

1. Process all cash and check gifts given through the envelopes according to your standard operating procedures for gift collection and recording in your accounting program.
2. Once the Advanced Giving Day phase begins at midnight on **November 16**, you may record all gifts and donor data in your #iGiveCatholic/GiveGab dashboard as “offline” gifts so they are reflected on your leaderboard totals on your profile page. You can find step-by-step directions for adding an offline gift at <https://support.givegab.com/en/articles/89228-how-do-i-add-an-offline-donation-to-my-giving-day-totals>.

Note: Any gifts entered before December 1, the #iGiveCatholic Giving Day, will be recorded in your dashboard. However, they will not show on your profile page until the official giving day begins at midnight on December 1.

3. Unlike online gifts, offline gifts *do not require* an email address for processing. If you do not enter the donor’s email address at the time you add the offline gift, you **must** send the donor a tax receipt.

Note: If you enter the donor’s email address at the time you add the gift, the #iGiveCatholic system *will automatically* generate and send a tax receipt. In this case, you will not need to send a separate receipt.

4. To reflect in your total, offline gifts must be added **by 11:59 p.m. on December 2**. The dashboard will remain open for entering offline gifts for one day after the Giving Day. Once the dashboard closes on December 3, offline gifts **cannot** be added to your dashboard and total, but you should track them so you know how you did!