

## Wells of Life Founder Nick Jordan Receives Pope Saint John XXIII 2020 Humanitarian Award

Italian Catholic Federation Names Wells of Life Founder Nick Jordan as their 50th Pope Saint John XXIII 2020 Humanitarian Awardee

IRVINE, CA, UNITED STATES, September 15, 2020 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Italian Catholic Federation named Nick Jordan, Founder and CEO of Wells of Life, as the 50th recipient of their Pope Saint John XXIII humanitarian award. Wells of Life is a Christian nonprofit organization that provides access to clean, sustainable water for the poorest communities in Uganda, Africa.

The Italian Catholic Federation created The Pope Saint John XXIII Award as their highest recognition to a lay person of any denomination who exemplifies humanitarian service to society. Initiated in 1970, 2020 commemorates the award's 50th year.

Pope John XXIII was head of the Catholic Church and sovereign of the Vatican City State from 1958 to his death in 1963. From humble beginnings, Pope John



Nick Jordan Holds the Pope Saint John XXIII Award

XXIII is considered one of the church's most influential leaders who ushered in Vatican II and changed the face of the Catholic Church throughout the world.

Past winners include the late comedian, Danny Thomas (St. Jude's Hospital), Congressman Frank Annunzio, Dick Butkus (NFL Hall of Famer), Karl Karcher (Carl's Jr. Founder), Bruno Serato (The White House Restaurant) and actor Joseph Campanella.

"Water is essential to life and a primary component of Life's Holy Trinity - Air, Food and Water, the three basics of life on earth," said Perry Shurko, the Italian Catholic Federation member who nominated Jordan for the award. "No human being should ever be deprived of these elements and I applaud Nick's extraordinary efforts to save lives and provide greater opportunities to

Uganda's poorest communities."

The Italian Catholic Federation is a nonprofit fraternal organization for practicing Catholics of all ages and cultures. Founded in 1924, the federation's mission is to uphold and develop the religious spirit among its members and to spread that spirit throughout the community.

Since 2008, Irvine, Calif.-based Wells of Life has funded the construction of 527 water wells in Uganda and launched Project Restoration in 2019 to repair older, deteriorated wells. When the pandemic halted many operations, the Uganda government designated Wells



Children in Uganda Recognize the Pope Francis Well

of Life as first responders and their work provided 600 boxes of soap, face masks and face shields while providing lifesaving hygiene education to 80,000 individuals.

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Jordan commented, "This award honors the work and humanitarian commitment of the Wells of Life team on three continents. I have watched our organization unite the world through access to water. It's one of the great honors of my life to accept this award on behalf of Wells of Life."

About Wells of Life

Wells of Life is based on the belief that water is a basic human right and should be available to all people. Founded in 2008 on Christian principles, the worldwide

nonprofit organization views access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene as the catalyst that drives change and transforms community life for Africa's poorest and most vulnerable people. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.wellsoflife.org">www.wellsoflife.org</a>.

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