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Dear Young Friends in Christ,

I am writing to encourage you to participate in the 22nd *Source and Summit* weekend March 8-10, 2024. As many of you have already experienced, these days are a very unique and grace-filled time of prayer and celebration. Young people from around the diocese are invited to come together for worship, adoration, faith-sharing and fellowship to be renewed in their love for Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, the *source and summit* of our lives as Catholics. This retreat coincides with the ongoing Eucharistic Revival in the United States, which will culminate in the National Eucharistic Congress this July in Indianapolis.

The 2024 Source and Summit event has as its theme, Blessed Are Those Called to the Supper of the Lamb. These words are proclaimed by the priest at every Mass, just before the reception of Holy Communion. Taken from the Book of Revelation, they are an invitation to share in the sacred banquet of the Lamb of God, the Body and Blood of Jesus made truly present for us under forms of bread and wine. During this weekend, participants will be invited to recognize and appreciate how blessed we are as Catholics to be called to share in the most precious gift Jesus could offer to us - His very Self in the Holy Eucharist.

It is my hope that you will accept the invitation to spend this time with our Eucharistic Lord and with other young people of faith. I am thankful to all those who are organizing this program for you. They are giving much time and many resources to be able to share the precious gift of our Catholic faith. I look forward to being with you to celebrate the Closing Mass on Sunday morning.

Be assured of my prayers and best wishes for participants, presenters and organizers as you prepare for the 2024 *Source and Summit* weekend. Please pray for me.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph M. Siegel, DD, STL

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