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Dear Young Friends in Christ,

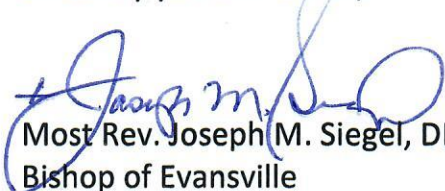
I am writing to invite you to participate in the 23rd *Source and Summit* weekend, April 4-6, 2025. As many of you have already experienced, these days are a very unique and grace-filled time of prayer and celebration. Young people from around the diocese are invited to come together for worship, adoration, 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.

These retreat days coincide with the Jubilee Year, a time of blessing and renewal that occurs every 25 years. *Pilgrims of Hope* is the theme chosen by Pope Francis for this Holy Year, and over the weekend you will reflect on the words of Pope St. John Paul II: "Never, ever give up on HOPE, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid." The source of our lasting hope is Jesus Christ, who comes to us most profoundly in the Holy Eucharist. Our Lord told His apostles at the Last Supper when He gave them this tremendous gift, "This is my Body which is given for you!" (Luke 22:19). Jesus continues to give Himself for us at every Mass when the priest speaks these words of Jesus, and through the power of the Holy Spirit the bread and wine become His Body and Blood. Receiving Him in Holy Communion, we are filled with His life and infused with the virtue of hope which helps sustain us through the challenges of our daily lives.

I encourage you to spend this weekend with our Eucharistic Lord and with other young people who are on this Pilgrimage of Hope. 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 2025 *Source and Summit* weekend. Please pray for me.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Rev. Joseph M. Siegel, DD, STL
Bishop of Evansville