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Dear Young Friends in Christ,

I am writing to encourage you to participate in the 21st *Source and Summit* weekend March 17-19, 2023. 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 year's celebration will be especially significant as our diocese is joining Catholics from around our nation in a year of Eucharistic Renewal. I look forward to being with you to celebrate the closing Mass on Sunday morning.

The 2023 *Source and Summit* retreat has as its theme, *Through Him, and With Him and In Him*. These words are proclaimed by the priest at every Mass at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, when he raises the paten with the Sacred Host and the chalice with the Precious Blood. Everyone responds with *Amen!* (literally, *I believe*). With this response, we are acknowledging that as Catholics, all that we are, all that we do and all that we say is to be done through, with and in Jesus. Our whole life in all its aspects is to be immersed in our relationship with the Lord. This is most clearly realized at Mass as we receive Him in Holy Communion. During this weekend, participants will be invited to reflect on this reality and how we can remain in Jesus through the Eucharist and other sacraments.

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.

Be assured of my prayers and best wishes for participants, presenters and organizers as you prepare for the 2023 *Source and Summit* weekend. Please pray for me.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joseph M. Siegel'.

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