

Dear Parent or Guardian,

“Behold Your Mother!”

If ever there was a time that our youth need to draw near to our Holy Mother, our Model Disciple, it is now! SOURCE + SUMMIT 2019, “Behold Your Mother!”, will lead your youth to a deeper relationship with their Blessed Mother, Mary, and through Mary to Jesus present among us in the Eucharist.

As you know, we're living through a time of crisis in the Church that is shaking the faith of many. At the same time, the wider culture is bolder and more aggressive than ever in its public opposition to the Judeo-Christian values that have been the foundation of our society and the “it’s OK to persecute Christians” mentality.

Your youth need to be equipped for this time in our history, for the role they have been set apart to play. They are living through a great spiritual conflict that St. Pope John Paul II called “the greatest historical confrontation humanity has ever experienced....It is in God’s plan, and it must be a trial which the Church must take up, and face courageously.” It’s happening here and now and we’re in it!

Fr. Mike Schmitz has said that, “This generation must know that they are not meant to leave the church but to LEAD the church!”

Is your child ready for the critical challenges he/she will be facing?

See how one youth was strengthened by attending Source + Summit

My name is Holly Bittner. I am the 21year old daughter of Eric and Lisa Bittner of Haubstadt, IN. I attended Source + Summit the earliest age that I could be a participant, which was my 7th grade year. That year I left the retreat with my heart set on fire for Christ and a whole new love for God. I wasn't able to attend my 8th grade year due to a very important, (so it seemed to be at the time), 5-hour long travel basketball practice. Six years, later I can still recall being at practice, and knowing in my heart that the gym wasn't where I was suppose to be. From 7th grade to my freshman year in high school were the hardest years of my life. I would have never dreamt of what had occurred would really happen to not only myself but to my family as well. But because of God's love and Our Heavenly Mother's grace that she had shown me my 7th grade year, I was able to pull from my faith what Source + Summit had taught me at the age of 13. That Faith carried myself and my family through that difficult time.

*Looking back, 9 years later, I have been able to be a part of the TEAM for 3 years. My first year working on the Source + Summit TEAM, I gave a witness talk to over 300 participants and volunteers on God's **Mercy, Love, and Forgiveness**. I am currently reaching out to others on behalf of the Source + Summit team to promote the retreat to the youth. Last year, we had over 650 participants and volunteers and this year our goal is to reach over 700! I cannot help but to want as many as possible to experience the life changing weekend that I had."*

PLEASE DO NOT LET THIS OPPORTUNITY PASS YOU BY!

**SOURCE + SUMMIT
April 5,6,7, 2019
Reitz Memorial High School**

Adult Retreat - April 6 - Christ the King Church

Thanks to the contributions of many generous donors the fee is still only \$45 for the Youth Retreat. Fee scholarships are also available by emailing sourcesummit@evdio.org.

A magnificent group of modern day apostles will be here in number to CONNECT with your youth and help them to CONNECT with Jesus!