

...him look at us, we see that gaze of love...How good it is to stand before a crucifix or on our knees before the Blessed Sacrament simply to be in his presence! How much good it does us when he once more touches our lives and impels us to share his new life!”

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Source + Summit offers the chance for the kind of personal encounter with Jesus that Pope Francis is suggesting, this encounter must be the starting point for evangelization. The Source + Summit Retreat sticks to the basics. As a result we are watching a growing number of vocations to the priesthood and the religious life take root and grow in our diocese.

The Catholic component, meaning world wide, is very present during the weekend as religious come from all over the world to minister to our young people and give them a world view of our church.

Over 200 volunteers come from all over our diocese to make this weekend happen connecting our young people in a very unique opportunity to grow together to strengthen our local church.

They grow in community in small group break out sessions led by trained facilitators who help our youth to infuse the gospel message into their relationships and life choices.

You cannot sit in the sunshine without it having an effect on you, even if you do not want it to. You cannot be in the presence of Jesus, especially for an entire weekend and not be changed.

These young people are sent back into your parishes with a renewed spirit and a closer relationship with Jesus ready to further his mission and the mission of his church. These young people are prime candidates for your parish outreach programs especially ones that service the poor.