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Dear Young Friends in Christ,

I am looking forward to this year's *Source and Summit* weekend. As many of you have already experienced, it is a very unique and grace-filled time of prayer and celebration. This event takes its name from the Church's description of the Eucharist, as the "source and summit of all worship and Christian life." Young people from around the diocese are invited to share in these days to be renewed in their love for Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. I hope you will accept this invitation and join with many others in personally encountering our Lord in worship, adoration, faith sharing and fellowship. I will be with you to celebrate the closing Mass on Sunday.

The 2019 *Source and Summit* retreat has as its theme, "*Behold your Mother.*" You may recall these are among our Lord's last words as he hung on the cross, as entrusted his own Mother Mary to his beloved disciple, John, and then entrusted John, and through him all followers of Jesus, to the protection and care of Mary. Mary was given to us as our mother, and is a powerful intercessor. She prays for us in all our needs, constantly leading us closer to Jesus. She is also the first and best disciple of her Son, giving us a profound example of faith and trust in God, even in times of struggle and hardship. During this weekend participants will be focusing Mary's role in Jesus' life, the important part she plays in the life of the Church, as well as the powerful influence she can have in our lives if we seek her prayers and look to her example.

It is my hope and prayer that these days together will deepen your love for our Eucharistic Lord and his Mother. I am thankful to all those who are organizing this program for you. They are giving much time and many resources to be able share the precious gift of our Catholic faith.

Please be assured of my prayers and best wishes for all participants, presenters and organizers as you prepare for the 2019 Source and Summit weekend.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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