

Dear Youth Ministers and Parish Catechetical Leaders,

“BEHOLD YOUR MOTHER!”

If ever there was a time that we need to draw near to our Holy Mother, our Model Disciple, it is now! SOURCE + SUMMIT 2019 will be doing just that at this year's retreat, leading our youth to a deeper relationship with our Blessed Mother Mary and though Mary to Jesus present among us in the Eucharist .

I know how difficult it is to convince young people (even adults) to give up an entire weekend to grow closer to God but the task is made so much easier when another peer stands before them and gives them believable and relatable reasons to do so -- they let them know what waits for them at Source + Summit, what they have found... Friends...Fun...Truth...and most importantly a changed life that is lived anchored in love with God!!

PLEASE contact Holly Bittner - hollybittner14@gmail.com - from our Parish Outreach Team to schedule your impacting visit!

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.

Our 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!

In St. John Bosco's, prophetic dream about the survival of the Church through this crisis it was shown to him that the two means that God used were devotion to Mary, Most Holy, and frequent reception of the Holy Eucharist. These were the two “pillars” the surviving “ships” were anchored to.

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

The “A Team” is being sent to us as a gift from God to help prepare us to “take up and face courageously” our place in this battle. The first step – Get to know Jesus!

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

PLEASE DO NOT LET THIS OPPORTUNITY PASS THEM BY!