



## Catholic Diocese of Evansville

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Dear Young Friends in Christ,

I am looking forward to this year's celebration of "Source & Summit", the fifth since my appointment as bishop. As many have already experienced, it is a very unique and special time of prayer and celebration. Our Catholic Church teaches that the Eucharist is the "summit and source of all worship and Christian life." As such, the Christian faithful are to hold the Most Holy Eucharist in highest honor. The meaning and purpose of every authentic ministry and service in the Church is grounded in the Eucharist.

The *Source and Summit* retreat is a special opportunity of grace to deepen your own faith understanding and belief in the Most Holy Eucharist as the very real presence of Jesus Christ. It is a special time to gather with others who share this common bond and respect for this invaluable Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Your participation in this special time and space is sure to leave a lasting impact upon your life. There is nothing more awesome than a personal encounter with Jesus Christ!

In preparation for this incredible encounter with Jesus Christ, truly present in the Eucharist, I encourage you to take time for daily prayer and reflection on your own personal relationship with the Lord. As Catholics, individually and communally, we are called to be Eucharistic-centered. To be truly authentic in our Catholic faith requires that we be Christ-centered in our lives, relationships and witness of faith. God accepts us wherever we are, to lead us on the path of salvation. This path of salvation leads to the fullness of communion in the divine love of the Holy Trinity; namely, the Father, Son & Holy Spirit.

In and through Jesus Christ, especially through Word and Sacrament, we draw our spiritual strength to be witnesses of faith, hope and love to others. He is our strength and salvation!

I look forward to joining with you in celebrating the Eucharist at the upcoming *Source and Summit* retreat. With assurance of my prayer and best wishes for each and every participant, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Charles C. Thompson*

Most Reverend Charles C. Thompson  
Bishop of Evansville