



Dear Young Friends in Christ,

I am looking forward to the 20th *Source and Summit* weekend April 1-3, 2022. As many of you have already experienced, these days are 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 come together 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 opening Mass on Friday evening.

The 2022 *Source and Summit* retreat has as its theme, "*Father, Into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit*" (Luke 23:46). We will hear this passage on Palm Sunday this year when the Passion according to St. Luke is proclaimed. These last words of Jesus on the cross express our Lord's complete trust in His Father. Throughout His ministry, Christ taught that the path to true joy, peace and fulfillment is found in opening ourselves to God's will for us and then uniting our souls with that Divine will in our lives. Jesus did this in the most perfect way, and for this reason, He could die in peace, despite the physical torture of His passion. Martyrs and other saints discovered this truth as well. During this weekend, participants will be invited to reflect on knowing God's will for them, and how, through union with Jesus in the Eucharist, they can be strengthened to commit themselves to joyfully following it each day.

It is my prayer that these days together will deepen your love for our Eucharistic Lord. I am thankful to all those who are organizing this program for you. They are giving much time and many resources to be able to share the precious gift of our Catholic faith. While everyone hopes that the current pandemic surge will have subsided by April, necessary health and safety protocols will be followed in accordance with the COVID guidelines in place at that time.

Be assured of my prayers and best wishes for all participants, presenters and organizers as you prepare for the 2022 *Source and Summit* weekend. Please pray for me.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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