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Dear Friends in Christ,

It gives me great joy to invite you to participate in the *Youth 2000* retreat to be held in Oshkosh on October 9-11, 2009. For the past six years I have witnessed the involvement, energy, and effects upon young men and women such as yourselves as they took part of *Youth 2000* retreats in Wyoming. Now, as your Bishop, I invite you to this remarkable experience here in the Diocese of Green Bay.

The *Youth 2000* Retreat program is well known to help foster devotion to the Blessed Sacrament among our young people. The weekend retreat will include time for prayer, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, dynamic music, the Rosary, talks about the Catholic faith, testimonies by youth, small group discussions, the opportunity for the Sacrament of Penance, and most especially, the celebration of the Mass. Every part of this retreat is meant to help young people grow in their love of Christ and His Church.

I am confident that you will enjoy this special time of retreat and that you will benefit from it greatly. While I am personally unable to attend this retreat due to prior commitments and responsibilities, know that you will be remembered in my prayers.

For more information about the *Youth 2000* retreat, please see the information that accompanies this letter or contact Rosie Bartel, Religious Education & Youth Ministry Director at rbartel@gbdioc.org or call 920-272-7278.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend David L. Ricken, DD, JCL
Bishop of Green Bay

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