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Bishop Siegel honors Little Company of Mary Sisters, Memorial Hospital

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Bishop Joseph M. Siegel celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving March 4 at St. Joseph Parish in Jasper to honor the many years of dedicated service of the Little Company of Mary Sisters and Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center.

More than 70 years ago, the Little Company of Mary Sisters founded Memorial Hospital in Jasper. The Mass also celebrated the hospital continuing its Catholic healthcare mission through a new partnership with Deaconess Health System.

Ten priests of the diocese concelebrated Mass with Bishop Siegel.

Little Company of Mary Sister Renée Cunningham served as lector for the Mass. Gift bearers were Little Company of Mary Sister Renée, Sister Carol Pacini and Sister Sharon Ann Walsh. Music for the Mass was provided by the Sisters of St. Benedict.

At the beginning of Mass, Father John Brosmer, pastor of St. Joseph in Jasper, welcomed everyone to the celebration. Father John wrote in his March 3 parish bulletin, "We need to give thanks to the sisters for their ministry over the last 70 years. They have made a major impact on our community, and all the businesses and people who supported their ministry."

During his homily, Bishop Siegel recounted a story of St. Martin of Tours that occurred when he was still a catechumen. While St. Martin served as a soldier, he came upon a beggar. Moved with compassion, Bishop Siegel said St. Martin wanted to do something to help the man. He recalled that St. Martin of Tours cut his cloak in two and gave one half to the beggar, while he wrapped the other half around one shoulder, much to the amusement and sneers of fellow soldiers.

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Little Company of Mary Sister Renée Cunningham, Sister Carol Pacini and Sister Sharon Ann Walsh, standing in front pew, sing the processional hymn during the Mass of Thanksgiving March 4 at St. Joseph Parish in Jasper to honor the sisters and Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center.

Synod listening session is March 21

Special to The Message



The Diocese of Evansville will host a listening session for the ongoing preparation for the Synod gathering that will happen in October 2024. The listening session is from 6-7:30 p.m. CDT March 21 at the Diocese of Evansville Catholic Center, 4200 N. Kentucky Ave., Evansville, Indiana, 47711. This will be a time of prayer, a time of listening and an opportunity to reflect on how the Church impacts your life.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP at <https://forms.gle/yY3bLNTGa5hp3Vr98>.

Chrism Mass is March 26

Special to The Message

Bishop Joseph M. Siegel will celebrate the Diocese of Evansville's 2024 Chrism Mass at 5:30 p.m. CDT March 26 at St. Benedict Cathedral in Evansville. At this Mass, the holy oils used throughout the year will be blessed and consecrated, and the priests of the diocese will make a public renewal of their priestly promises to serve Christ and the Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available before Mass.



All are invited to attend, show your support for the service of our priests, and pray together as a diocese in those holy days leading up to Easter.

Source + Summit 2024 welcomes nearly 600 youth and young adults



The Message photo by John Rohlf

PJ Anderson sings the responsorial psalm during the Source + Summit Mass Sunday at Mater Dei High School.

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Nearly 600 youth and young adults participated in this past weekend's Source + Summit retreat, which featured multiple speakers and a closing Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph M. Siegel.

The annual retreat, which was held this year March 8-10 at Mater Dei High School, drew in over 575 participants, according to event organizer Gail Shetler. They had around 140 volunteers helping put on the retreat.

"The kids, they can't wait from one year to the next," Shetler said. "And people that come

from out of town that work retreat weekends. They are so impressed that our kids start with enthusiasm, where they hope other kids end on the other weekends they're at. Because our kids can't wait to get back."

Bishop Siegel presided over the closing Mass at the Source + Summit retreat. Three priests concelebrated the Mass. Bishop Siegel focused the beginning and end of his homily on the Bible verse John 3:16, which was in Sunday's Gospel on the Fourth Sunday of Lent. The verse states, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who

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