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My dear brothers in Christ:

It is my privilege as the Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester to invite you to participate in the annual **Rochester Catholic Men's Conference**.

Now in its fourth year, this Conference has been highly successful in serving the men throughout our Diocese. I strongly encourage you to join hundreds of other men at this year's Conference, to be held October 13, 2018, at Saint Jude Church in Gates.

The theme for this year's Conference, "*The Eucharist*," presents us with the privileged opportunity to contemplate the very heart, the source and summit, of our Catholic Faith. The Most Holy Eucharist, the Real Presence of Christ among us, has sustained Catholics for two millennia, and continues to sustain us, His modern day disciples. The day-long Conference will include the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and three presentations by nationally acclaimed speakers – all of which will help us to grow closer to Jesus Christ. The closer we are attached to the Most Holy Eucharist and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the perfection of the spiritual life and the end to which all the Sacraments tend, the more we will hear His words, "Come to me," and "Go make disciples." It is my prayer that the Conference will help us grow in greater love for the Mass, the Most Holy Eucharist, and equip us to be Eucharistic missionaries to our families, and beyond.

I am grateful for the organizers of this event who worked closely with our diocesan staff, for their initiative, prayers and planning. I hope that you are able to be present for this Conference to discover, or even rediscover, Jesus Christ speaking to you.

Asking Saint Joseph, faithful husband of Mary, courageous foster father of Jesus, and patron of the Universal Church, to intercede for us, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Salvatore R. Matano*
The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano
Bishop of Rochester