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Dear Conference Participants,

Welcome to the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry! The Cleveland Diocese is honored to host youth ministry leaders from all over the nation and beyond. It is our pleasure to share this experience with you. I hope that you enjoy your stay and experience the goodness of our people and their beautiful faith.

The theme of NCCYM 2008 is, "Formed by Living Waters." It is my hope and prayer that the waters that poured over you at your Baptism will continue to nourish and guide your life and ministry as you gather on the shores of Lake Erie.

For more than a year our diocesan staff and many volunteers have been actively preparing for your arrival and time with us. Their commitment is a sign of our gratitude for your work and generous ministry with the youth and families entrusted to our care. You and your ministry are witnesses of God's love and hope for His Church.

The source of the living waters that form us is God, our ultimate source of life and meaning. I urge you to use your time here to deepen your faith through the many opportunities that await you. I urge you to share the joys, challenges, and hopes that are so very much a part of ministering with adolescents, with one another and with us the Faithful of Cleveland.

I look forward to being with you during the conference, praying with you and celebrating the Holy Eucharist.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,



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