



## DIOCESE OF FORT WAYNE - SOUTH BEND

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Dear Men of the Diocese,

I write to invite you to the 2020 *Rekindle the Fire* Men's Conference on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne. I am looking forward to a large turnout from throughout our diocese for this conference of Catholic men, brothers in Christ, seeking to grow in our relationship with God and as disciples of His Son.

The theme of the conference this year is "Where is Your Focus in 2020?" The Church needs men of faith whose focus is the Lord and His Gospel, witnessing to the faith in the family, at work, in our parishes, and in our culture.

Many in our society try to relegate faith to the private sphere. This is the aim of secularism: the exclusion of God from culture and from public life. God thus becomes superfluous. We need to rekindle the fire and proclaim the truth of the Gospel to the people of our time. We need men to be leaders in the great task of the new evangelization.

The first disciples of Jesus were won over by His words and deeds, touched by His love and mercy. Our vocation involves an ever-renewed personal relationship with Jesus Christ. This is what gives meaning to our lives and what gives us the inspiration to be leaders in the spread of the Gospel.

Please come to the *Rekindle the Fire* Conference to experience Christ anew as our Teacher, Friend, Brother, and Savior. God bless you!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Kevin C. Rhoades*

Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades  
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