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*The Memorial of Saint Joseph the Worker*

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 this, the third annual **Rochester Catholic Men's Conference**.

Building upon the great success this Conference has known in serving men throughout our Diocese, I strongly encourage you to join hundreds of other men at this year's Conference, to be held October 14, 2017, at Saint Jude Church in Gates.

The theme for this year's Conference, "*Create in Me a Clean Heart,*" is taken from Psalm 51, also known as the *Miserere*, which is the sincere prayer of King David, pleading for the Lord to renew his life and to give him a strong, steadfast spirit. As we make the psalmist's intentions our own, the day-long Conference will include the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, uplifting music and nationally acclaimed speakers - all of which will help us to grow closer to Jesus Christ. Having a steadfast faith ourselves, we are then able to be sent by the Lord to strengthen our family members, co-workers, friends and fellow parishioners. It is my prayer that the Conference will guide us in this missionary mandate.

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