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Bishop Ricken to be principal celebrant at Lifest

GREEN BAY, Wis. (June 28, 2016) – Bishop David L. Ricken announced that he will attend Lifest this year as the principal celebrant at Mass on Sunday, July 10 at 8:30 a.m. at the Café Stage. Lifest is a five-day Christian music festival held at the Sunnyview Expo Center in Oshkosh on July 7-10. Admission is free on Sunday, July 10.

Lifest will feature more than 150 acts, including musicians and comedians, nationally renowned speakers, dozens of vendors, camping, food, and KidZone. The Diocese of Green Bay will sponsor exhibit tables inside the main exhibit hall and host many activities at the diocesan campsite in Shady Acres.

Visitors can stop at the exhibit tables to make bracelets or necklaces with crosses or saint pendants. Temporary tattoos will be available, as well as religious literature and information. Diocese of Green Bay t-shirts will be available at the exhibit hall. A \$5 donation is appreciated.

There will be daily opportunities for the sacrament of reconciliation (2:30 p.m.), rosary (3:30 p.m.), and Mass (4 p.m.) from Thursday through Saturday at the diocesan camp area located at Shady Acres. Following Mass, there will be free hot dogs. To end your evening, stop back at the diocesan Shady Acres camp area for an evening campfire and fellowship following the Grandstand artist. Bishop Ricken will also be at the campsite on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. to lead *lectio divina*, which is an ancient way of praying with passages of the Bible.

The Diocese of Green Bay is excited to co-sponsor artist Matt Maher, a Grammy-nominated Catholic/Christian singer, songwriter, and worship leader, for the second year in a row. Bishop Ricken, Diocese of Green Bay; Bob Lenz, founder of Lifest and Life Promotions; and Vince Gallucci, Ascension Health, will introduce Maher before his performance at the Grandstand at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday night.

For more information about Lifest and to purchase tickets, please visit www.lifest.com.

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