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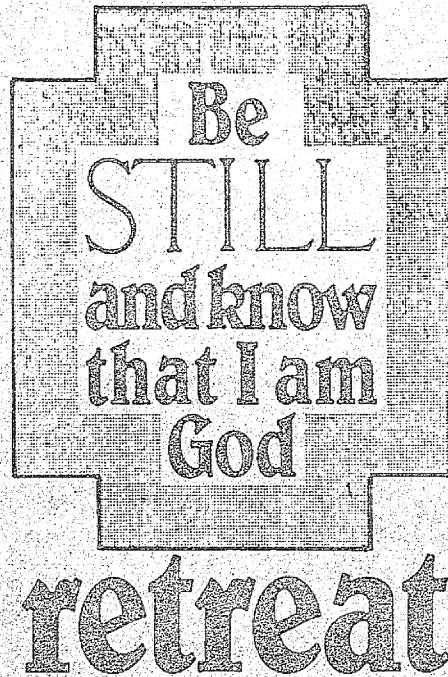
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"BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD." This quote may or may not be familiar to you. It is a quote from the Old Testament that speaks very clearly of God's desire to be known. At University Ministry we have chosen this quote as a part of our retreat logo because it serves as a reminder to us that we need to take time for God.

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Our relationship with God does require a commitment. It demands that we spend time getting to know our God. This is no easy task because it often means interrupting our hectic schedules to stop and listen to all that God wants to tell us. It means being STILL and coming to KNOW.

This year at Notre Dame several students have taken advantage of our Retreat Program taking the time to listen and learn about their God and what that relationship is and can be.

The Retreat Program consists of several University sponsored campus-wide retreats and other retreat weekends; overnights and day retreats sponsored by resident halls and other various on and off campus groups. This year alone approximately 30 retreats were scheduled, accommodating over 400 students.

Our future hope is to expand the program inviting more student involvement and leadership. We all have stories of faith to share and I hope that each of you, sometime during your stay here at Notre Dame will take a still moment to Know Your God.

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Alane Tranel

'86, PW

Taking tests, writing papers, dealing with the dining hall and the weather... it all begins to wear on a person. You may wonder what your talents really are, what makes you different, why you're here, and where God is in all this. I have found that retreats are good times to get

away, see nature, and listen as God works extraordinarily in ordinary people, prayers, and events. Retreats give the opportunity to reacquaint yourself with that which is best about you, to recall what you like about who you are, to rekindle that divine spark in you that makes you a beloved child, on whom God's favor rests. You may not get any great revelations, but you will get to spend some unpressured time with a loving God who was excited at your birth, who wants to see you and spend time with you.

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Mike Gotuaco '86 Keenan

Since my Sophomore year at Notre Dame I have been on five hall-sponsored retreats, and am awaiting my sixth. Contrary to what some may think of retreats, these times away from everything else are indeed a time for relaxation and reflection.

The retreat I will most fondly remember is the one Keenan had with Badin Hall in the fall of '84. Retreat Master Bro. George Schmitz officially began the weekend event by asking why we had come. After all of us had spoken, he delivered this simple yet powerful message, "Maybe we all had our reasons for coming, but we are here because God wants us to be here." And maybe he did.

Our theme was Advent, and as a reminder of God's great gift of love in Christ, we set aside some time on Saturday evening to make a gift for a secret someone. On Sunday we gave each other our gift -- the one received still clings to my wall. Before leaving we gathered in a circle with our arms over each other's shoulders, and after I recited a poem, we listened to the music that was playing in the background. "Turn to Me" was the song that greeted us, and we sang the refrain with one gentle voice. That to me was the pinnacle and perfect ending of a weekend of spirituality and community. I was sad it was over, but nonetheless happy to have experienced it with such special people.

The next time you get a chance to go on a retreat, take it. You yourself may want to go, but don't forget that God wants you to be there, too. It's true. He does.

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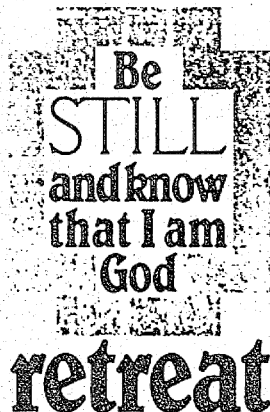
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PRAY FOR THOSE TO BE CONFIRMED

Bishop D'Arcy will come to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at Notre Dame on Sunday April 27th at Sacred Heart Church, 2:00 P.M.

There are 25 students at Notre Dame and 6 from Sacred Heart Parish who will be confirmed. Please keep these young men and women in your prayers.



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