

RETREAT

We haven't time to get away. You know that, God. Our weekends are full of houses to be cleaned, yards to be tended and a thousand things to be done that we have not time for during the week.

It's too much trouble to get away. You know that, God. For there are schedules that must be joggled, arrangement to be made, clothes to be packed.

Yet somehow you've done it. We gather in our parish room by the light of candles and the smell of food being prepared for us.

One by one, we take off the hats we wear, employee, spouse, and parent until we are left with ourselves. We wear comfortable clothes and let our souls relax. And we talk together of everything and nothing.

We share silly jokes and sacred stories. We eat often and with delight, and go to bed far later or earlier than usual.

We wander around in your stories and sit with you in prayer for once not distracted and tugged by all that must be done.

People we've seen and known for years we suddenly discover as friends.

We haven't the time to go away this weekend, God. You know all we have to do.

But you know all that we need. So keep reaching through all our excuses to, call us away to a deserted place.



MEN'S CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH WEEKEND

October 17 – 19, 2008

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There is no cost. Everything is taken care of for you. Renew your spirituality, meet greet people, have fun, and enjoy a faith filled weekend.