

St. Richard Parish Annual Men's Retreat

In Mark 6:31 Jesus states, "Come aside and rest a while". South of St. Louis on bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River and the rich Illinois farmlands to the east, are 75 acres of beautiful grounds in which to experience Jesus' invitation, a perfect setting for the Lord's Gift of Peace.

There you are with women or men of many walks of life, many trades, many minds, many professions and faiths, making your silent journey with the Lord. On your way you listen to instructive, informal talks by the retreat director; you have the opportunity for private conferences, daily celebration of the Eucharist, the sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. Most of all you have quiet time to "rest for a while". Let the Lord take you where He will.

In your retreat silence – a hallmark of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius – you journey with the Lord in a renewal of mind, spirit and body. You come to the faith realization that God truly loves you.

Your private room with shower, and tasty, family-style meals shared in silence, enhance your experience. Coffee, tea and soft drinks are available throughout the day.

St. Richard has 15 rooms reserved the second weekend of each October. The weekend retreat lasts from dinner Thursday evening to Lunch on Sunday afternoon. A weekday retreat begins with Lunch on Monday afternoon and ends with Lunch on Thursday. Sign-ups for the reserved weekend begin in September of each year.

You are invited to call the office to reserve a place anytime during the year; you are always welcomed at White House. The phone number is 314-533-8903. You are encouraged to stop by some Sunday afternoon from 3:00pm until dark to walk the grounds and take in the beauty of God's creation. You may also visit their website at www.whretreat.org to gather more information or call Deacon John Bischof at 569-3855, he has a DVD and a VHS tape available for you to review also.

God is calling you, take the opportunity while you can, it will be a life changing experience!

