

Finding God



Weekend Retreat for Women
Contemporary Writers Series
June 11-13, 2010

Directed by
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Stories, poems, and movies can help us look more deeply at the world. When we do this, we find God. This retreat will use a variety of stories, poems, and movies that show God's presence in human life. Some of the major themes we will explore are **goodness, evil, love, loss, prayer, pain, family, and humor**. Participants will be encouraged to pray and dialogue with the selections in order to get in touch with the stories and poetry of their own personal lives.

The components of the weekend include:

- Input from the Director
- Time for Personal and Communal Prayer
- Group Sharing
- An Opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Vigil Mass

The program includes all meals Saturday thru Sunday lunch and two nights accommodation. **Cost:** The suggested offering for this weekend retreat is \$250.00.



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