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NDSU students spend time with Jesus

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Students bustle through the Memorial Union at North Dakota State University in Fargo; walking on their own way, with their own schedule either in a mad rush to class, to stop for coffee, or even for homework. Despite the routineness of this image, an indescribable peace breaks through the rush.

Jesus is with us, the king of the entire universe waits patiently amongst the hustle of the students, just waiting to be adored. Put on by "bisonCatholic" at NDSU, adoration in the Memorial Union takes place every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The room where Jesus waits is made of all glass windows, connecting opposite ends of the union. A large poster stands outside the room stating — "Adoration of Jesus Christ" with a brief theological description of adoration beneath the title. Students come and go as they please.

Adoration is a necessity on college campuses for many reasons.

Number one, it is a great way for Catholics to be a witness to their faith. It is an outward sign of compliance with the teachings of Jesus.

Number two, Catholics who have fallen away from the faith now have an accessible way of "coming home" through the best way possible, Jesus himself.

Number three, interest may grow in the hearts of non- Catholics and non-Christians who walk by Jesus every day on their way to class.

In the words of Victoria Hammond, a pharmacy student at NDSU, "Adoration on campus is awesome because Jesus every day humbles himself so he can simply be with us. That is such a great gift! Why would we not want to be on campus with him to show others the wonders of his presence?"

Adoration on campus is vital to all students at NDSU whether they accept it or not. Jesus sits amongst them all, sinners and saints, waiting and thirsting for one of his children to be with him amongst the hustle of college life.

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