

Bellarmino Jesuit Retreat House

Retreat Directors for Summer Individually Directed Retreats 2017



Robert Bedard holds a PhD in chemistry and directs scientific research during the day; however, he has been a Spiritual Director in the Ignatian tradition on evenings and many weekends for the past several years. Bob has been involved in Music Ministry, Praise and Worship music, Catechesis, and teaching RCIA for many years. He is delighted and continually grateful in this calling to accompany fellow Christians in Spiritual Direction. Bob has been married for 35 years and has two daughters and six grandchildren.

Directing: July 14-22, 2017



Fr. Jim Dixon, SJ is a frequent team member for Bellarmine retreats. He is currently superior of the Jesuit community in Chicago's Hyde Park neighborhood and Chaplain for the Ignatian Volunteer Corps. Prior to ordination, he studied theology in Toronto and has given 8-day and 30-day retreats in Canada. Fr. Jim has extensive experience in Native American ministry, as well as serving as pastor in various locales in rural America. His priestly ministry also includes service on the marriage tribunals for dioceses in South Dakota and Arkansas.

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Fr. Mark Henninger, SJ is a Chaplain at Loyola University Hospital in Maywood, IL and a Campus Minister for the medical and nursing schools. His training in spiritual direction includes an internship at Loyola University's Institute of Pastoral Studies. For many years he was a professor of medieval philosophy, most recently at Georgetown University in Washington DC, but with prior positions at Loyola University in Chicago, University of Detroit Mercy, the Gregorian University in Rome, and Arrupe College in Zimbabwe.

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Nancy Hulsebosch is a Spiritual Director grounded in the principles of Ignatian Spirituality, having completed a three-year spiritual direction internship at Bellarmine. Nancy's roots in the Jesuit tradition trace back to Marquette University, where she earned her undergraduate degree in 1986. She later received a Master's degree from National-Louis University. In addition to providing spiritual direction and leading individuals in the Spiritual Exercises, Nancy is active in various ministries in her parish, particularly Scripture study. Nancy is married and the mother of four children.

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Fr. James Gschwend, SJ, PhD is a member of Bellarmine's resident staff. His background includes administrative positions in Jesuit high schools, working at Community Mental Health in San Francisco, and serving as Director of Spirituality in the sabbatical program at the School of Applied Theology in Oakland and Berkeley. In Berkeley he also served as Assistant Rector for the Jesuit School of Theology. Following a fellowship year on the clinical staff at the Southdown Institute in Canada, Fr. Gschwend served the Chicago Jesuit Provincial as assistant for personnel, assisting men with healthcare needs and transitions in ministry.

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Maureen Kuhn has been a Spiritual Director for the past 18 years. She and her husband graduated from the Institute of Pastoral Studies of Loyola University and then served in parish ministry in Wisconsin as Pastoral Associates. Along with her service at Bellarmine, she sees spiritual directees, offers At Home and Workplace Retreats, and works with the Diaconate Program for the Archdiocese of Chicago. Maureen is a past Regional Coordinator of Spiritual Directors International for the State of Illinois.

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Fr. Rick McGurn, SJ is a member of Bellarmine's resident staff. He has been an associate pastor at Jesuit parishes in Chicago and Cincinnati, and directed the training program for Spiritual Directors at the Jesuit Retreat House in Cincinnati. He has been the Socius – Executive Assistant – to the Provincial of the Chicago Province Jesuits, as well as the Provincial's Assistant for Formation, overseeing the studies of men preparing for ordination and ministry. Just prior to coming to Bellarmine, he was superior of the Jesuit community at Loyola Academy, the Jesuit high school in Wilmette, IL.

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Mary McKeon is a member of Bellarmine's regular staff. Mary is originally from Quincy, IL, and is a 1969 graduate of Marquette University in Milwaukee, WI. She taught school in Milwaukee's inner city before moving to Washington, DC to work for the United States Senate. Mary and her late husband, David, have a daughter, Catherine, and three grandsons who are the joy of her life. Mary received her training as a Spiritual Director at the Jesuits' Manresa Retreat House in Bloomfield Hills, MI, where she was a staff member for several years prior to joining our retreat staff here at Bellarmine.

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Fr. Michael Sparough, SJ is a member of Bellarmine's resident staff. He holds a Master of Fine Arts from the Yale School of Drama and a DMin from St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, IL. He is the founder of Charis Ministries, the Jesuit retreat ministry for outreach to young adults in their twenties and thirties, and has trained spiritual directors at Loyola University Chicago's Institute of Pastoral Studies. A prolific writer and speaker, Fr. Michael has published on prayer and the sacraments with Franciscan Media, Paulist Press, and Liturgical Training Publications. His latest book, *What's Your Decision?* is published by Loyola Press.

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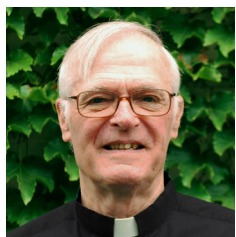
Lynn Sprehe is a Spiritual Director trained in the Ignatian tradition. She is a team member of Bellarmine's training program for Spiritual Directors. She enjoys giving the Spiritual Exercises to individuals and small groups, as well as offering workshops based on Ignatian Spirituality. Lynn is a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor with graduate degrees in Pastoral Studies and Clinical Psychology. She is married and the mother of three sons.

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Damian Torres-Botello, SJ is a Jesuit preparing for priestly ordination, and currently completing a Master's degree in Social Philosophy at Loyola University Chicago. His training in spiritual direction began at Loyola and continued at the Jesuit retreat house in Guelph, Ontario. He is currently a director for the 19th annotation retreat offered at Old St. Pat's in downtown Chicago and the Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life at Loyola University. Prior to entering the Jesuits, Damian spent 12 years working as a playwright, actor, and director in Kansas City, MO, and Chicago.

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Fr. Karl Voelker, SJ is a member of Bellarmine's resident staff. He is an experienced retreat master and spiritual director, including years of service as retreat director and chaplain at the retreat house of the Cenacle Sisters in Wayzata, Minnesota. More recently, Fr. Karl was pastor of the Gesu, the university church of Marquette University, followed by an assignment caring for the needs of retired Jesuits residing at the St. Camillus healthcare facility in Milwaukee.

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Please Note: Limited Space Available on the June 19-26, 2017 Individually Directed Retreat