

BELLARMINE
Jesuit Retreat House



ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019

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A note from Erin Maiorca Executive Director

Dear Bellarmine Benefactors,

Your generous support brings light to our world.

We open our doors to those seeking spiritual renewal and growth. Your gifts have provided sacred space and hospitality that allows for a depth of prayer that is rare and often unavailable in our world today.

As you page through this annual report, I hope you are moved by the many names of individuals that are in your Bellarmine prayer community. Take note of the map on page four. This is a vast community of retreatants who have made the choice to take time to come to Bellarmine to pray and to ensure others have the opportunity to encounter Christ in the *Spiritual Exercises*.

Lives are transformed here, hearts are healed, and mercy reigns. Some come to know Jesus again, others meet Him for the first time, or deepen their relationship with our Lord. Our community reminds me of Chapter 6 in Luke's Gospel, when the great crowds travelled from far and wide to be with Jesus on a mountainside, listen to His message, and experience His healing power.

Your support has built this holy mountain which provides an experience of love, wonder, and awe. Your giving provides grace and goodness beyond measure. Thank you! We are deeply grateful for your support.

In Christ's Love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erin Maiorca". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Erin Maiorca
Executive Director



A Special Thank You to Retreat Captains Provincial, USA Midwest Province Jesuits

An excerpt from Provincial V. Rev. Brian G. Paulson, SJ's message to Captains at the Annual Retreat Captains Meeting at Bellarmine on June 15, 2019:

"The Captains' system is an invaluable part in the recipe for success in encouraging attendance of returning retreatants and encouraging new retreatants to experience the gift of a Bellarmine retreat. In carrying out these important responsibilities as Captains, you are exercising your own baptismal gifts as disciples, for which I am deeply grateful. We could not succeed in our mission at Bellarmine without you. . . .

Sharing the gift of the *Spiritual Exercises* and Ignatian discernment is one of the central apostolic priorities of the Society of Jesus worldwide. That's our secret sauce. Jesuits come from near and far to offer retreats at Bellarmine, and the four resident Jesuits will continue to partner with Erin and others on the staff to offer the best possible Ignatian, Jesuit retreat experience to our guests who come to the water to quench their spiritual thirst at this holy oasis. . . .

Thank you again for your generous service as our companions in mission, sharing the good news of making a retreat at Bellarmine."

In this Annual Report, keep an eye out for our generous Retreat Captains (past and present) who have given both time and treasure to support our mission in Fiscal Year 2019, denoted in the Honor Roll of Donors with a special symbol (✱). Thank you, Retreat Captains!



Meet Tom Cattapan

Tom Cattapan joined Bellarmine as Associate Director with substantial management experience in the media, marketing,

and advertising industries including Leo Burnett's Starcom MediaVest Group, The Tribune Company, and Turner Broadcasting, where he was a VP of Consumer Insights. He holds a BA in Advertising from Marquette University and attended Harvard Business School's CTAM Executive Management Program in 2015. Tom, and his wife of 11 years, JoEllen, recently moved from Atlanta back to the Chicago area to be near Tom's family. They have two children, ages 9 and 7, and are members of St. Theresa's Parish in Palatine, IL.

Tom has been involved with Ignatian retreats since he went on a Kairos retreat at St. Viator High School and was heavily involved in Charis Ministries in the 2000s, including being on the Charis Board. He is excited to join this team and apply his experience to fulfill our mission.

Our Mission

Bellarmino Jesuit Retreat House is committed to fostering the spiritual development of Catholics and other people of faith through a variety of retreats and contemporary programs that are grounded in the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius of Loyola.



Our Values

- Ignatian Spirituality for Adults & Youth
- Silence
- Service to the Poor
- Prayer
- Hospitality
- Sacred Spaces



A Review of

Year-End Financials

Revenues

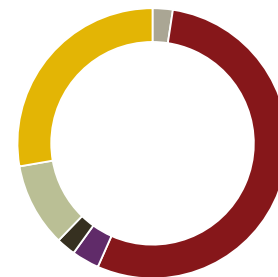
Regular weekend retreats	\$533,461
Special events	\$93,044
Other Bellarmine Retreats	\$82,450
Kairos retreats	\$320,693
Other revenue	\$37,901
Appeals, bequests & grants	\$224,499
Total Operating Revenues	\$1,292,048

Grants for buildings & grounds	\$17,850
<i>Build on Our Foundation</i> gifts	\$636,703

Expenses

Buildings & Grounds	\$263,056
Administrative	\$198,900
Dining Services	\$366,890
Salaries & Wages	\$621,482
Benefits	\$205,509
Utilities & Insurance	\$133,793
Retreat Masters & Ministry Staff	\$232,783
Total Operating Expenses	\$2,022,413

Sources of Gifts



- Fussner Fund**
\$5,427.00
- Annual Appeal**
\$121,724.00
- Planned Gifts & Memorials**
\$7,398.00
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- Newsletter & Other Gifts**
\$62,265.00

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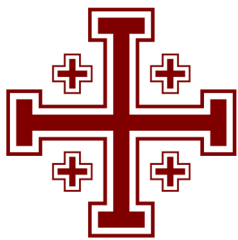
new donors in 2019

*The shortfall between revenue and expenses was made up by drawing on the earned interest from our Ministry Investment Funds.



Fiscal Year 2019

We Served 5,366 People



1,489 Kairos/Youth Retreatants



1,575 Weekend Retreatants



1,030 Special Event Retreatants



622 Program Attendees



68 Military Veterans



582 Private Retreatants & Spiritual Directees

About Our Weekend Retreatants:

26%

new to Bellarmine with an average age of

54



133

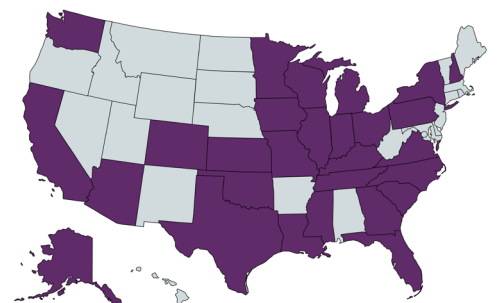
young adults (<40)



came from

28

states



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Donor levels reflect the total lifetime giving (as of June 30, 2019) for those listed in each level of giving.

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“In those days He departed to the mountain to pray, and He spent the night in prayer to God. When day came, He called His disciples to Himself, and from them He chose Twelve, whom He also named apostles...”

– Luke 6:12-13

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“Rising very early before dawn, He left and went off to a deserted place, where He prayed. Simon and those who were with Him pursued Him and on finding Him said, 'Everyone is looking for You.'”

– Mark 1:35-37

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– Cris C.

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– Luke 5:15-16

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– Geoff K.

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seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except
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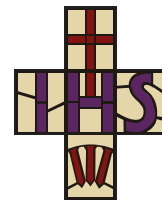
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