

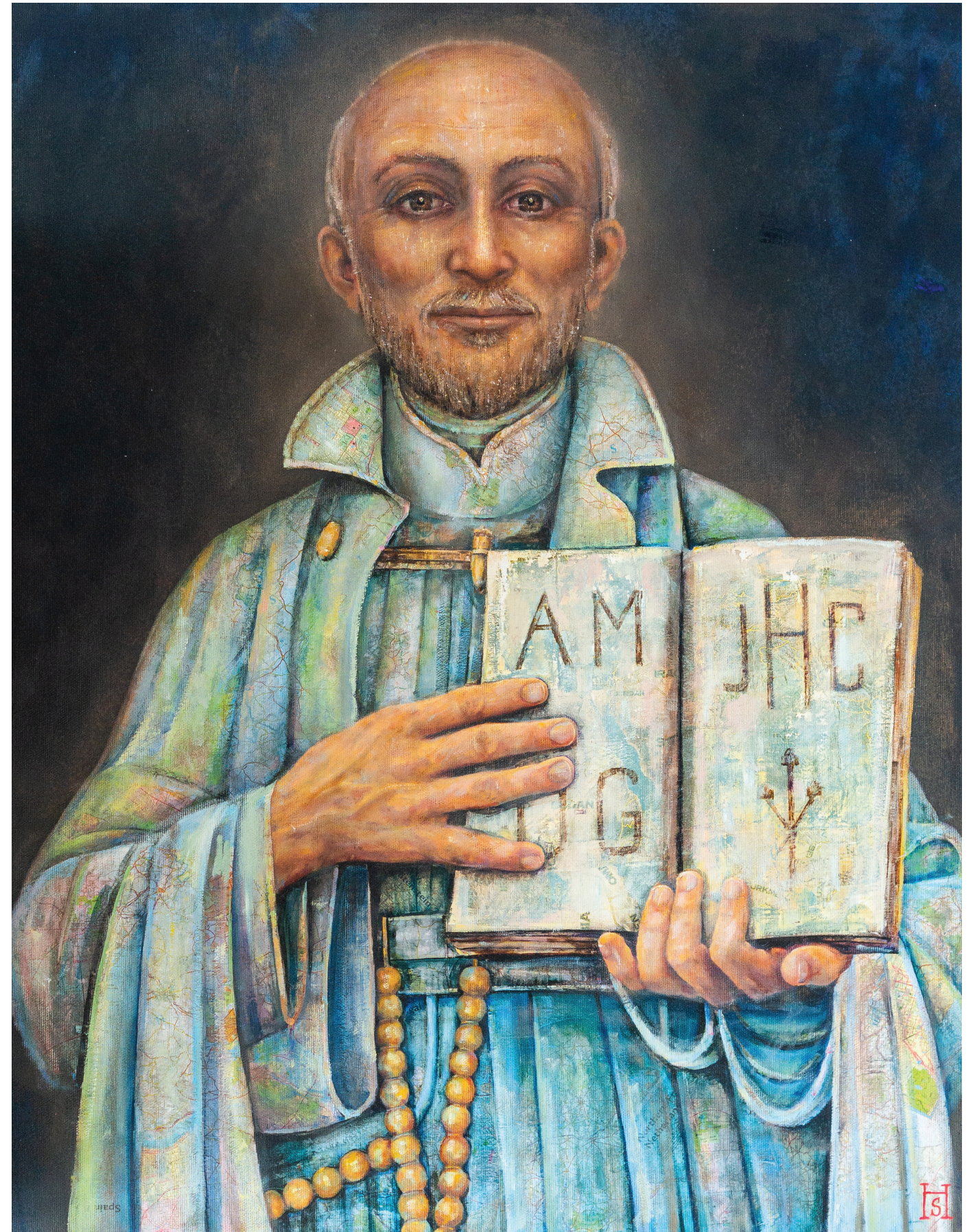


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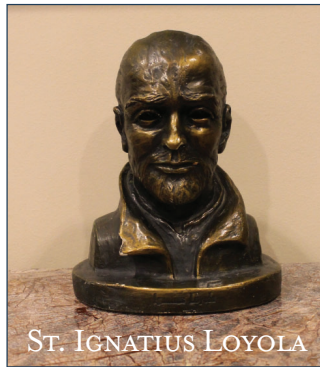
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St. Ignatius' Daily Examen



The Daily Examen is a technique of prayerful reflection on the events of the day in order to detect God's presence and discern His direction for us. It is a way of reflecting with gratitude on the events and feelings of our day. The method presented here is adapted from a technique described by Ignatius Loyola in his *Spiritual Exercises*. It is a life-changing prayer!



Enter into God's presence. Quiet your mind and heart for prayer.

"Lord, I believe at this moment I am in Your presence, and You love me ... Come, Holy Spirit!"



Offer gratitude to God for the blessings of the day and begin by savoring your gifts.

"Lord, I am grateful for all the ways You have shown Your love for me this day. I especially thank You for ..."



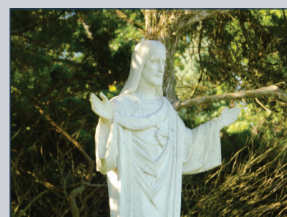
Review the events of your day, noticing specific moments and feelings that surface.

"Lord, help me to recognize You in all parts of my life. Jesus, I want to see ..."



Pray from the feelings that surface. Talk to God as a friend, listening with your heart for God's response of love.

"Lord, You have examined my heart, and You know everything about me..."



Look toward tomorrow in hope, asking for the grace to better serve God. Conclude with an "Our Father."

"Lord, enlighten me so that my future choices praise, reverence, and serve You above all else. Show me Your way."



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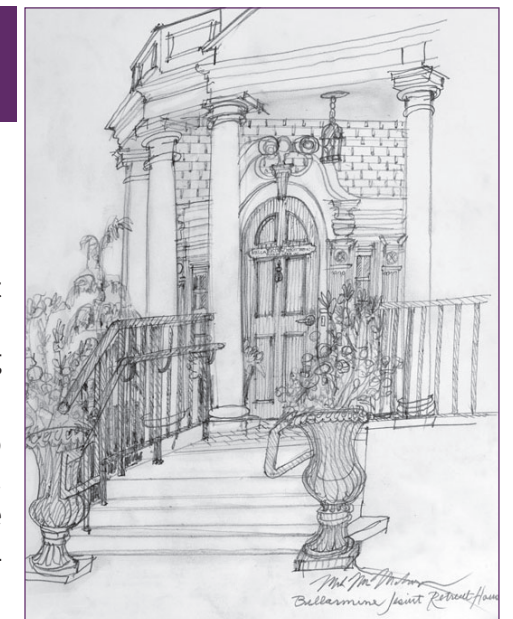
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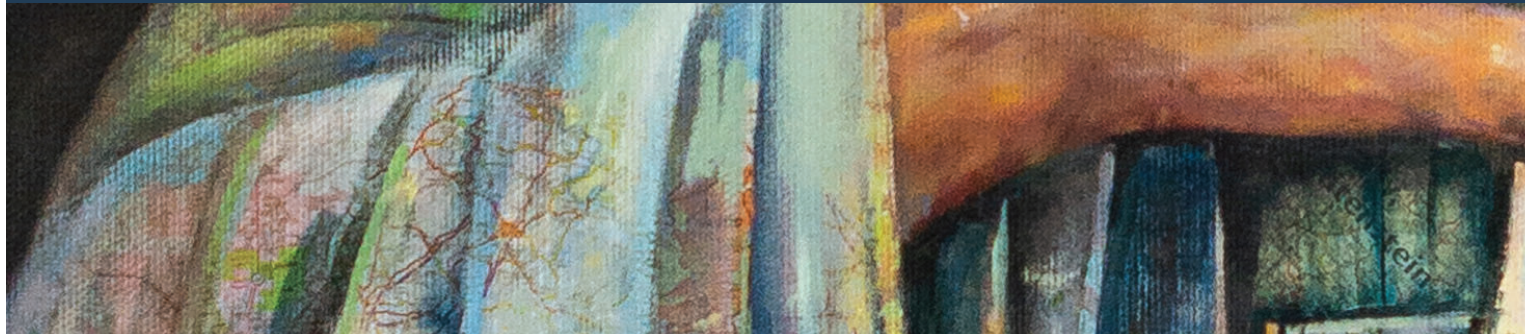
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Sketch by Mark McMahon

Dear Friend of Bellarmine,

Nearly 500 years ago, when Ignatius shared the *Spiritual Exercises* with the Society of Jesus, he compelled his companions to adapt them for the times and people they served. As we enter into the 75th retreat season of Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House, we take time to reflect on God's care for this ministry. We revel in the evidence of the Holy Spirit at work. Bellarmine's early Jesuits and their partners answered the call to broaden the ministry and serve new constituents in various ways. See the timeline on pages 7-8 for historical highlights of the retreat house.



It is clear that faith and generosity remain consistent. God's faithfulness over 75 years is evidenced in the stories of miracles and transformation shared by so many retreatants. Thousands of benefactors have provided for this sacred place, enabling holy men and women to share the ancient gift of the *Spiritual Exercises*, an experience of drawing near to Christ, weaving love and faith into one's heart. For decades, dedicated teams of faith-filled individuals have stewarded your gifts, breathing life into Bellarmine's ministry. You have helped to shape a place where people of faith become aware of God's grace. The wonders we see are extraordinary.

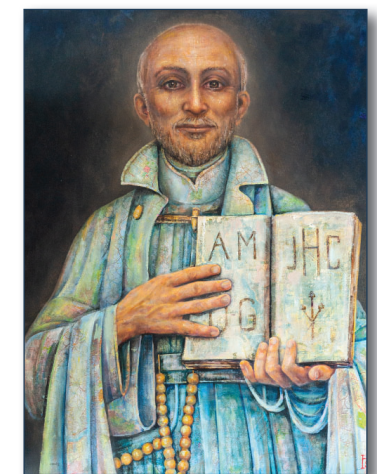
Thousands of adults and high school students come here and have tangible encounters with the love, healing, and hope that the Lord provides.

Thank you for your intentional and generous care of Bellarmine and our retreatants. In this report we share with you our gratitude, our joy, our reflections, and your impact.

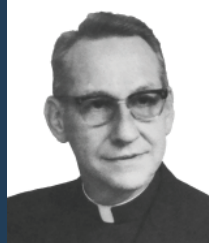
A few words about the image of St. Ignatius on the cover. This is an original painting by the gifted artist Holly Schapker given to Bellarmine as an anniversary gift. It is compelling and extraordinary. I encourage you to register for your next retreat and pray with it in person. We trust St. Ignatius is indeed praying for us. Let us keep each other in prayer as well.

May Christ's peace and joy dwell in you,

Erin Maiorca
 Executive Director



Reflections on Jesuits Who Have Served at Bellarmine



Fr. Raymond Fussner, SJ
Retreat Director
1969-1993

Fr. Fussner's delivery of 7:00am morning prayer has stayed with me for decades. His delivery and gentle messaging struck me then

and stays with me to this day. I distinctly recall him referencing biblical quotes about Jesus' intimate familiarity with each and every one of us. Fr. Fussner prayed so eloquently about how we are always front and center in Jesus' view, how He sees "every hair on our head" and how our "name is written on His palm." He spoke eloquently about the indelible mark of Jesus on our hand. I love this image of Jesus that Fr. Fussner shared with the retreatants. He is remembered as a gifted Jesuit whose morning prayer ran the perfect 5-minute time allotment. We were never late for breakfast!

-Bill Loftus



Fr. Patrick Boyle, SJ
Executive Director
1972-1982

Fr. Pat Boyle, SJ had a unique rapport with the Bellarmine retreatants, and he developed close friendships with many of us. Fr.

Pat was a Green Beret in Vietnam and many weekends he would walk around the retreat house in his military fatigues so he was ready to go, if needed, to serve in the National Guard. He was a wonderful confessor and personally very spiritual. He always exhibited a tough exterior but was really a soft-hearted guy. While serving as Executive Director, he completed a doctorate in moral theology from Marquette University. Fr. Boyle now resides at the Jesuit Retirement Center in Wauwatosa, WI, where he continues praying for the needs of the Church and the Society of Jesus.

-John Madden



Fr. John Dillon, SJ
Executive Director
1999-2006

Fr. Dillon is often remembered for his language, which could be "colorful," and for his honesty, which could be

withering. But there are two things I remember most about him: a question he asked and the attitudes which guided his prayer life. Fr. Dillon's question, which could be applied to both the good times and bad, was "Where is God in your experiences?" The attitudes that guided his prayer life were gratitude and trust. He always had gratitude for the circumstances that life presented to him, and he always trusted that the Lord was loving him in those circumstances. I have not found a better way to approach my spiritual life.

-Tim Reuland



Fr. Mark J. Link, SJ
Resident Writer
2001-2005

In 1990, a snowstorm waylaid Bellarmine's retreat master, so Fr. Link was called in to be the designated hitter. Fr. Link

immediately impressed us by his warmth, insight, and the carefully crafted stories he told. When the retreat ended, Fr. Link suggested we get together weekly, and he would send us daily materials to reflect on. We did that. Fr. Link's weekly reflections grew into a book and then into a series of books entitled Vision 2000. He took excerpts from the scripture of the day and provided us with questions to ponder. These little books continue to spread the Good News all over the world. I thank God for the snowstorm that brought Fr. Link to Bellarmine.

-Joe Cramblit



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St. Ignatius Loyola

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Fr. Donald Hayes, SJ
Executive Director
1987-1999

I first met Fr. Hayes when I was visiting Bellarmine with Mass stipends for my deceased father. Fr. Hayes impressed me as an extremely kind and sensitive priest. Later, when I was on the Bellarmine staff, my impression proved to be true as I worked with him in the office on various tasks. Because the Conference Center had not yet been built, he would laugh about having to use the basement corridor as a workspace to avoid disturbing the Kairos groups meeting on the first floor. I will always remember Fr. Hayes as a welcoming, generous, and peaceful presence to all who came to Bellarmine - visitors, retreatants, volunteers, and staff.

-Barbara Wasilewski



Fr. Mark W. Andrews, SJ
Executive Director
2008-2011

I met Fr. Mark Andrews the summer he arrived at Bellarmine. I was a teenager on my first Kairos retreat. I did not know at the time how important to my spiritual life Fr. Mark would become. I continued to see Fr. Mark at Bellarmine as I helped with Kairos retreats as a youth leader, and then as a youth minister. He always made our group of youth feel welcome and at home at Bellarmine. After Fr. Mark left Bellarmine, I was fortunate to have him as my spiritual director. He was a companion and friend on my spiritual journey. I will always be grateful to Bellarmine for introducing me to Fr. Mark. His legacy will live on through those whom he helped find God in all things.

-Darius A. Villalobos

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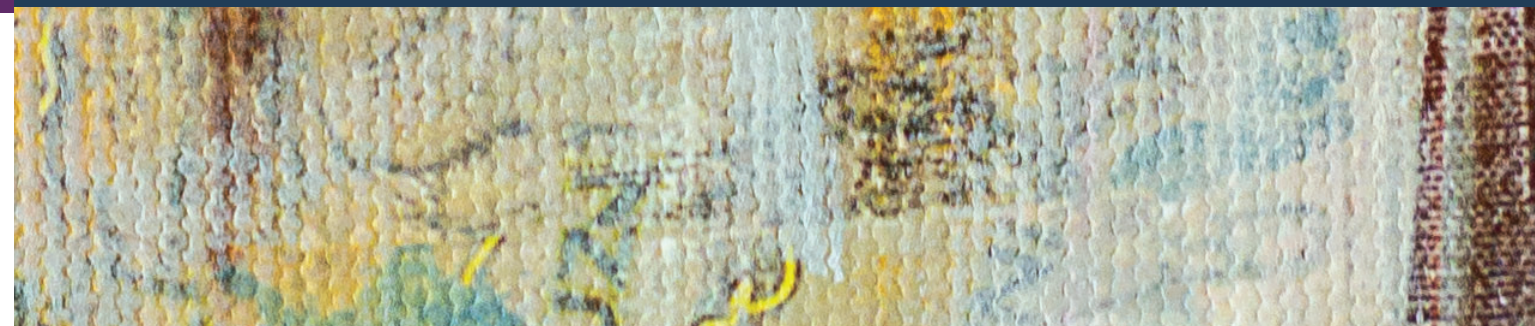
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I am now in my 12th year on the retreat staff here at Bellarmine. But my association with the retreat house goes back to the early 1970s, when I made my first retreat here. At that time I also attended Jesuit meetings in the exciting era when we claimed the new developments of Vatican II for the Society of Jesus and its ministries. In the 1990s, I represented the Jesuit Provincial for our Midwest Province as planning got underway for what is now our Conference Center. For the past five years it has been a pleasure to serve on Bellarmine's Board as we renovated our original manor building and carried through a successful capital campaign. All of this bodes well for our future of serving the spiritual needs of the many people who come to Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House.

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Walking the Halls of Bellarmine

Sometimes on Sunday evenings after retreatants have departed, I take a walk from the Jesuit Residence through the empty buildings of the retreat house. It's a walk through many personal memories for me.

My memories lead me from the original manor house that has recently been remodeled, through the 1959 addition, and on to the Conference Center that was completed in 2003. I walk past the offices that originally housed the kitchen and butler's pantry, and where the maids' stairway used to come down from the 3rd floor. That space then became the Retreat Director's bedroom and conference room and 2 or 3 guest rooms before becoming the office space as we know it today.



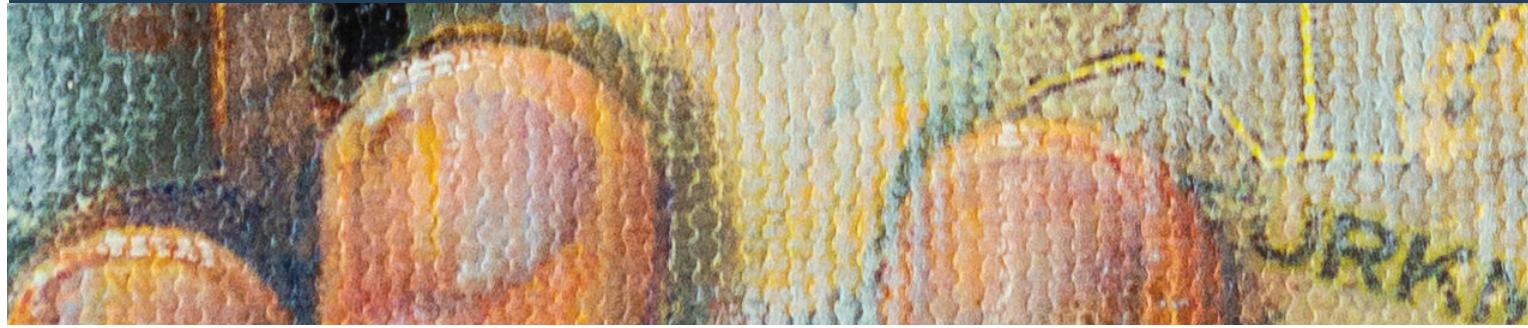
I walk through the Fireplace Room and remember it as the first Chapel and the original end of the building. Below that was the dining room (now the Resource Center), which brings memories of my time as a seminarian serving the meals to retreatants who ate at small linen covered tables.

As I walk through the middle section of the building, often visiting the Sacred Heart and Fogarty Chapels, I am reminded of the many retreatants and benefactors who have, through their generosity, made all of this possible. I thank the Good Lord for these past 14 years and my time as one of the Jesuit Priests in residence at Bellarmine.

— Fr. Jim Gschwend, SJ



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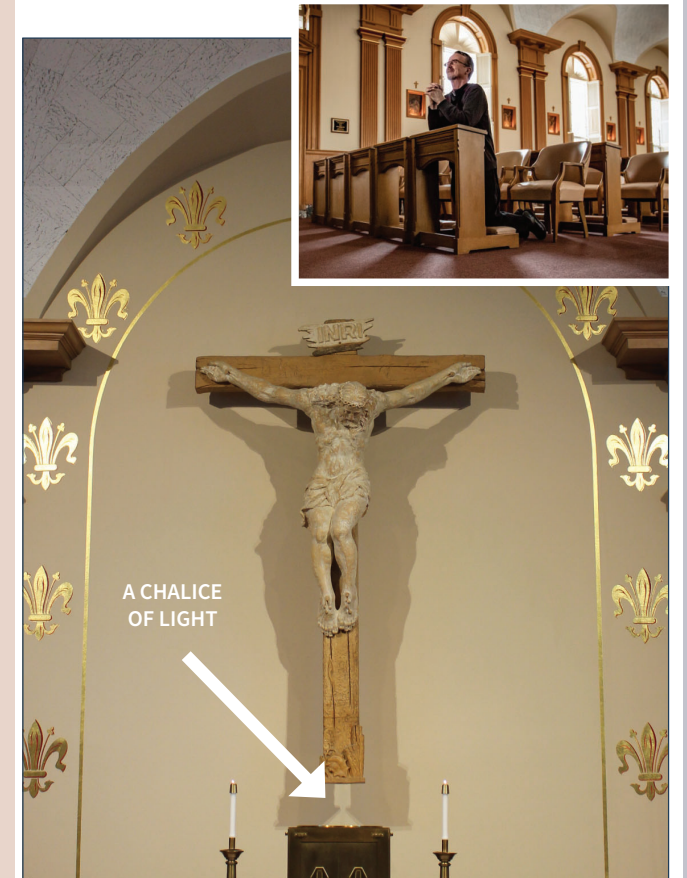
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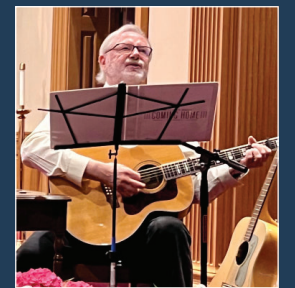
A Chalice of Light

What is hidden remains hidden
to eyes blind that do not see,
to ears deaf that do not hear,
to hearts that do fail to love.
Perceive within our chapel
of His most Sacred Heart
formed from shadows
a Chalice of Light
hidden in plain
sight beneath
His holy
Cross.
Above
the holy,
Sacred Bread,
O Sacred Blood
shed once again
for our life eternal
lest we forget that
which He said on that night before He bled:
"To lay down for your friends your only life,
No greater love is there, my friends, than this."
— Fr. J. Michael Sparough, SJ



A Bold Encounter with God

Bellarmino offers a safe place for a bold encounter with God. Here's a model: When Jesus told Simon to "go into the deep," it turned into a time of discovery of the depths Simon had yet to search. The catch of fish prompted Simon Peter to exclaim, "Depart from me, Lord, I am a sinful man." (He learned the deeper meaning of his proclamation only after he had betrayed Jesus. And wept.) Jesus said, "Do not be afraid, from now on you will be catching people alive."



Beginning a retreat could be like rowing out to the depths to engage Christ who encounters us in the deep.

"Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord! Lord, hear my voice! ... If you, O Lord should mark iniquities, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness that you may be revered." (Psalm 130)

In each retreat a person risks being loved by God in the very parts of life we avoid. When Christ encounters any of us here, we discover anew the meaning of our life.

— Fr. Roc O'Connor, SJ

Through the Years

January 2-4, 1948
First Ignatian Silent Weekend Retreat with Fr. James McGinnis, SJ



1960s
Ignatian Silent Retreats for Women Religious begin

May 2-4, 1969
First Couples Retreat

1960s
Men's Retreat (photo taken in Dining Room)



1980s
Kairos retreats begin



1940s

1950s

1960s

1970s

1980s

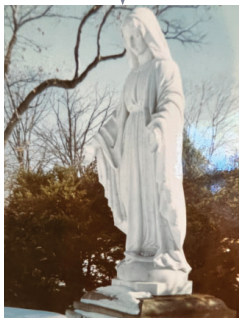
1950s
Bill W 12-Step Retreats begin

November 20-22, 1953
Bellarmine welcomes its 10,000th retreatant



1970s
Weekly AA Meetings begin

1957
Sacred Heart Chapel, Dining Room, and Bedrooms added



May 4-6, 1979
First Women's Retreat



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2003
Endowment Fund established for Youth Faith Formation Retreats

2003
Conference Center and Jesuit Residence built



September 2020
Phase One construction project completed
Bedrooms and bathrooms updated
Accessible ramp added



1990s 2000s 2010s 2020s 2022

May 18, 1996
Fr. Peter-Hans Kolvenbach visits Bellarmine via helicopter



1998
Bellarmine celebrates its 50th Anniversary



2003
Josefina, longtime member of the kitchen staff, joins Bellarmine



2012
Women's Ministry begins

2015
Veterans Ministry begins



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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 Loyola.



Our Values

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

Our Vision

The vision of Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House is that, through the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius Loyola, our retreatants will go forth into the world as companions with Christ in building the Kingdom of God.



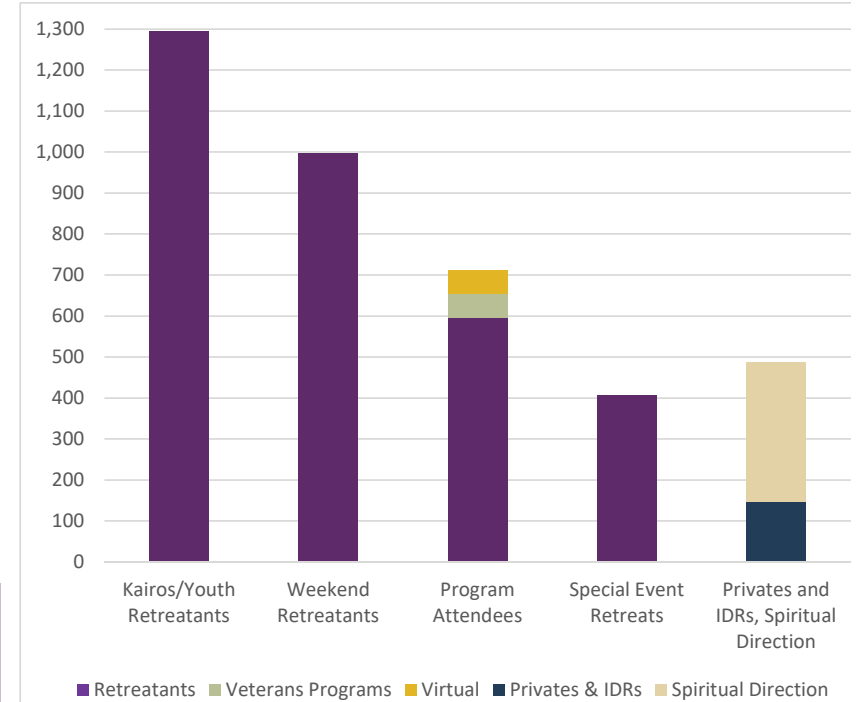
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Funding		Expenses	
Regular Weekend Retreats	\$435,758	Buildings & Grounds	\$357,315
Special Events	\$112,095	Administrative	\$200,797
Other Bellarmine Retreats	\$224,643	Dining Services	\$393,094
Kairos Retreats	\$317,465	Salaries & Wages	\$791,211
Other Revenue	\$30,901	Benefits	\$244,496
Appeals, Bequests & Grants	\$212,580	Utilities & Insurance	\$144,636
Payroll Protection Program	\$221,205	Retreat Masters & Ministry Staff	\$240,955
Total Operating Revenues	\$1,554,647	Total Operating Expenses	\$2,372,504

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Capital Campaign Update

Thanks to your prayers, gifts, and encouragement, we have completed our \$6.2 million Capital Campaign to renovate our 100-year-old Manor home! We are so grateful to you for your support and care of our ministry.



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