



# BELLARMINE

Jesuit Retreat House

## Individually Directed Retreats | Spiritual Directors | Summer 2025



**Patricia Ballard** is a Benedictine Oblate of St. Scholastica Monastery in Chicago. She completed her Internship in Spiritual Direction at Bellarmine. She has been teaching young children for many years and has served in a variety of other ministries. Patty holds a BA and an MA in Religious Studies from Mundelein College and an MA in Reading/Literacy from Northeastern Illinois University. She has studied at Loyola University, the Catholic Theological Union, and the former Institute for Spiritual Leadership. Patty has three grown children and is the grandmother of twins.

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**Camille Devaney** is a spiritual director with a long devotion to the spirituality of St. Ignatius Loyola since her days at Marquette U., where she earned a master's degree in immunology. Her professional career included teaching at Lake Forest College, followed by twenty years in an executive role at Abbott Labs. She received her training in spiritual direction through seminars sponsored by the Jesuits of Chicago; and she combines her interest in spiritual accompaniment with active social service as a member of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps. She is a widow, mother of three sons, and grandmother of three.

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**Rachel Forton** holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Relations and Religious Studies from Loras College (Dubuque, Iowa). She is an Ignatian spiritual director and retreat facilitator and serves as the Women's Ministry Coordinator for Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House. Rachel and her husband reside in Palatine, IL with their three young children.

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**Fr. Mark Henninger, SJ** trains others in spiritual direction and is himself a full-time spiritual director. 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 trained in the principles of Ignatian spirituality through Bellarmine's spiritual director internship program. In her capacity as spiritual director, Nancy meets with individuals for spiritual direction, trains new spiritual directors as a member of Bellarmine's internship team, and leads day and evening retreat programs both at local churches and at the retreat house. She also serves on the board and as a member of the women's ministry team at Bellarmine. Nancy has been married to her husband Tom for 36 years and they have four adult children.

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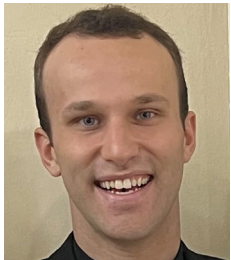
**Paula Kowalkowski** has worked as a music educator on the high school and college level for over 30 years. She currently is the Music Director at St. Thomas Becket Church in Mount Prospect. Ms. Kowalkowski has a Master's Degree in Contemporary Spirituality and a Certificate in Spiritual Direction from Loyola University Chicago/Institute of Pastoral Studies. Paula received a Certificate in Spiritual Direction with an emphasis on Ignatian Spirituality from the Midwest Jesuit Province. She has led retreats and speaks at parishes. A widow and mother, Paula is humbled and honored to be a part of the Bellarmine team and is looking forward to walking with you.

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**Fr. Tom Krettek, SJ** is a member of Bellarmine's resident staff. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1971 in Saint Paul, MN. He was ordained a priest in 1982 at the Church of the Gesu in Milwaukee. He has experience in Jesuit Formation and Governance. He was at Creighton University from 1989 to 2000 as Director of the Jesuit Humanities Program and teaching philosophy. In 2000 he was appointed Rector of the Marquette University Jesuit Community and taught philosophy. He was a visiting professor of philosophy and academic director of the Jesuit First Studies Program at Loyola University Chicago from 2018 to 2022.

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**Joe Laughlin, SJ** is currently pursuing a Master's in Hispanic Studies at Loyola University Chicago and will be completing an internship in Ignatian Spiritual Direction in April 2025 through Loyola. He also participates as a volunteer in spiritual programming in Cook County Jail through the Archdiocese of Chicago. As a Jesuit in formation and a spiritual director, Joe enjoys delighting in the unique and manifold ways that God speaks to each person in prayer.

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**Solomon Liebl, SJ**, is a Jesuit Scholastic studying philosophy and theology at Loyola University Chicago. His current studies focus on identity and sources of meaning-making. He enrolled in the Ignatian Spiritual Direction Practicum during the 2024-2025 academic year through Loyola's Institute of Pastoral Studies and completed the Jesuit Novitiate at Saint Paul, MN, in August of 2023. He earned his Bachelor's in Finance and Philosophy from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota and graduated in the spring of 2020.

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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 has directed the training program for Spiritual Directors at the Jesuit Retreat House in Cincinnati. Fr. McGurn has been the Socius – Executive Assistant – to the Provincial of the Chicago Province Jesuits, as well as the Provincial's Assistant for Formation where he oversaw 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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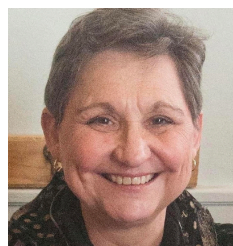
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**Kay Metres** initially learned to be a spiritual director in the 80's at The Institute for Spiritual Companionship. After finishing a pastoral studies degree at Loyola, she worked as a chaplain at Lutheran General Hospital. In 1995 she finished a doctorate in clinical psychology and has been a licensed therapist since then. Most recently, Kay completed an updated and expanded internship in spiritual direction here at Bellarmine. In 2017 Kay published a memoir about her experience with breast cancer: "After the Fear Come the Gifts." She and her husband Phil have 2 sons and a daughter and 4 delightful granddaughters.

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**Rev. Carol Ann Munro** is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. She has served as a parish pastor, hospital chaplain, development officer, retreat leader and spiritual director. Primary areas of focus for her ministry have been 12-step spirituality, adult faith formation and biblical literacy. She is currently a volunteer with the Ignatian Spirituality Project, which provides spiritual companioning for people recovering from homelessness and addiction.

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**Deacon Gerald Nora** is a permanent deacon with the Chicago Archdiocese. Along with spiritual direction, his pastoral ministry has concentrated on hospital and nursing home chaplaincy. Deacon Jerry and his wife Patty have four grown children and eleven grandchildren. He is a retired attorney.

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**Fr. Roc O'Connor, SJ** is a member of the Ministry Team and Jesuit Community. He has served in a number of parishes around the country as well as in campus ministry settings. He taught Eucharist and Sacraments courses at Creighton University from 2000 to 2013. OCP published his collection of eight new songs, All Shall Be Well: The Hand of God in May 2020. Fr. Roc is one of the original members of the St. Louis Jesuits who composed many of the familiar hymns we sing at Mass.

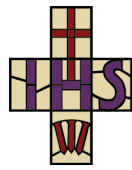
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**Tim Reuland** completed Bellarmine's internship in spiritual direction in May 2021. He and his wife Kate have 3 children and 5 grandchildren. He is an emeritus member and past chair of the Bellarmine Board of Directors, and a life member of the Board of Trustees of Marmion Academy in Aurora. Tim has a B.A. in philosophy from Loyola University of Chicago where he was introduced to Ignatian spirituality. He has a law degree from Northwestern University School of Law, and recently retired from a 48-year career as a trial lawyer. Tim currently accompanies both lay people and clergy in spiritual direction.

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**Anne Rometty** completed her Spiritual Direction Internship at Bellarmine (2023), and an Advanced Internship at Bellarmine (2025). She is a member of the Women's Ministry team and has been active in many overnight and Individual Directed Retreats. She loves to volunteer as an adult Kairos leader, and as a mentor for young adults in the Samuel Group Vocational Discernment Program. She had led Professional Pathway online learning programs for educators in Ignatian Spirituality through the Archdiocese of Chicago. Anne loves to spend time outdoors with her husband, John and her family!! She is happiest sharing her faith, and walking with others on their faith journey!!

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**Fr. J. 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. Fr. Michael has published on prayer and the sacraments. 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 has graduate degrees in Pastoral Studies and Clinical Psychology. She is the mother of three sons.

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**Pablo Velasquez, SJ** is a Jesuit scholastic completing his third year of studies in social philosophy at Loyola University in Chicago. He is completing the Spiritual Direction Internship at Loyola University Chicago's Institute of Pastoral Counseling. He was born in Colombia but grew up in Miami. He has a background in biology and focuses on tropical wetland ecology. He is completing his master's research on water quality for indigenous communities in Mexico and is passionate about teaching science.

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