### Growing Closer to God Through the Changes in Our Lives





September 26-27, 2025

Ignatian, Semi-Silent

Overnight Retreat for Adults

Change is the one constant in life. Our fall retreat invites us to embrace it, not fear it. Rooted in Christian tradition and Buddhist practice, we'll explore how change can lead us deeper into God's love and mercy.



Retreat Leader: Al Gustafson Creator of the online prayer chapel at Old St. Patrick's Church, founder of the Career Transitions Center of Chicago; doctorate in Ministry from Catholic Theological Union.



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#### The Bellarmine Retreat Experience

## What to Expect

The environment of a semi-silent retreat will be quiet and contemplative with an opportunity to connect with others over conversation at meals and/or in small group sharing. A semi-silent retreat includes several presentations, daily Mass, communal prayer, optional small group sharing, delicious meals, a one-on-one conversation with a spiritual director, and many other opportunities to explore the retreat house and grounds. Come to the quiet to read, sleep, pray and reflect. All activities are optional.

- Bellarmine has two libraries, a resource center, two chapels, dining room, and many other places to relax.
- Located on 80 acres, with both woodlands and prairie grasses.
- Outdoor spaces include walking trails, prayer gardens, a gazebo, stations of the cross, as well as patios and outdoor chairs and benches.
- · Each retreatant has their own bedroom.



# Graces and Blessings of a Retreat

"I enjoy coming to a Bellarmine retreat to let go of the worldly distractions and reconnect and refocus on Our Lord and what is important in life."

"Time to be silent, to grow in my relationship with Jesus. Excellent "tools" given to help make that happen."

"The silence. It's the only time in life where I have access to silence for this long and it opens my heart to hear God."

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