

Veterans “Coming Home” Retreat



BELLARMINE

Jesuit Retreat House

October 25, 2026

*Day of Reflection for
Veterans & Adult Family Members*

Where do you go to unpack the duffle bag of experiences that were part of your military experience? Here at Bellarmine all veterans and their adult family members are welcome for reflection on the gifts and burdens of having served. Whether you're recently discharged or back in civilian life for many years, this is a day of healing, hope, and sharing with others who understand your story. Open to all faith traditions.

Retreat Leaders: Fr. J. Michael Sparough, SJ and Team of Veterans



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The Bellarmine Retreat Experience

What to Expect

Serving in the military or having a loved one wear the uniform creates a common bond that is never forgotten. You'll spend a day away with others who understand what you've experienced through the transitions to and from military life. Gather with others who share your experience, to tell whatever part of your story you're comfortable naming.

This FREE retreat offers an optional Mass, time for private prayer and reflection, thematic talks and small group discussions plus a continental breakfast and lunch. The retreat is for all interested individuals, regardless of their current faith practices.

- Bellarmine has two libraries, a resource center, two chapels, dining room, and many other places to pray.
- Located on 80 acres, with woodlands, gardens, and prairie meadows.
- Outdoor spaces include walking trails, a prayer labyrinth, prayer gardens, a gazebo, and stations of the cross.

Graces and Blessings of a Retreat

*The day was very helpful for me to begin my healing journey.
Strong leaders and participants helped to open up about stuff I've buried.*

I feel that for anyone that is committed to healing and getting peace from torment, that this retreat is an essential stop on the road to enlightenment.

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