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“Come to the Quiet” Spring Retreats for Men

If you normally attend a retreat at Bellarmine with a group but were unable to attend this year because of conflicts in scheduling or illness, you may wish to consider attending a spring retreat. If you would like to make a retreat during Lent there are still openings available on the March 31-April 2 weekend. Fr. Rick McGurn, S.J., will be the retreat master. Fr. McGurn is a native of Oak Park, IL. He entered the Jesuits in 1967 and was ordained in 1975. He has been an associate pastor at Jesuit parishes in

Chicago and Cincinnati for seven years, and is currently Rector at Loyola Academy in Wilmette. Fr. McGurn has received high praise for the retreats he has preached at Bellarmine this winter.

There are also openings on the March 24-26 retreat and the April 28-30 retreat. Both retreats are directed by Fr. Mark Andrews, S.J. Fr. Mark is a graduate of Marist High School and DePaul University. After working in the business world for seven years, he

entered the Jesuits in 1981 and was ordained in 1992. He taught Religious Studies at Loyola Academy in Wilmette, IL, was a prison Chaplain in San Francisco, and served five years as Novice Director. He is a popular retreat master and currently on staff at Bellarmine.

To register for one of these weekends visit www.bellarminehall.org or call the office at 847-381-1261.



“Come to the Quiet”

A Word From the Director



John T. Dillon, S.J.

During deliberations of Vatican II, council members saw that the Church needed to adapt herself to the demands of a new era. Council members, teaching officially under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, declared that the Church was entering what they referred to as the age of the laity. Vatican II asked laypersons, in virtue of their baptism, to take responsibility for being the Church in the world. Baptized Catholics were called on to bring the love and teachings of Jesus into every social context of their life.

Today's world, including today's Catholic Church, is characterized by a great diversity of outlooks, by an almost unprecedented pluralism of views and viewpoints. Good and

responsible persons often disagree about even the most basic political and moral issues. There is widespread confusion about conflicting rights of persons and about the duties of Christians to work for peace and justice in our world.

Recent scandals in the corporate world, the political world, and even in the Catholic Church have undermined some of the trust we want to invest in the wisdom and goodness of those who exercise leadership. Sadly, many Church leaders seem to have suffered some erosion of their moral authority. In view of the acknowledged misuse of authority by some of our bishops and priests, lay persons eager to be guided in their evangelizing efforts, frequently don't know where to obtain appropriate affirmation of their individual efforts in promoting the Kingdom of Christ. Many hunger for consultation with, and expert advice from, reliable leaders as they use personal prudence to guide their efforts to fulfill their responsibilities as baptized Catholics.

I am pleased to notice that Bellarmine's retreatants now regular-

ly emerge from a weekend retreat with a confident sense of direction for living their life. They develop a clarity of focus for providing a caring outreach to needy persons. During a weekend's prayerful reflection on the life and teaching of Christ and the relevance for today's world of the Church's inspired traditional teaching, our men and women retreatants are finding peace and joy despite the upset that surrounds their lives. During a retreat, they are led by grace to desire to fulfill our Lord's hopes of being present through their loving interaction with and service to fellow human beings. For Bellarmine retreatants, today's divisive pluralism gradually gives way to a unified, beautiful and diversified expression of the brotherhood and sisterhood of God's family, the Church.

Why not schedule yourself for a weekend retreat at Bellarmine and discover more clearly the role God invites you to play in a responsible living out of your baptism, in being the Church in the world.

Fr. Donald Hayes, S.J. 1925-2005



Fr. Donald Hayes, S.J., former Director of Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House (1987-1999) died of complications from kidney cancer on Tuesday, December 20, at the Colombiere Center in Clarkston, Michigan. He lived and worked at Bellarmine until just a few weeks before his death when failing health dictated his need for hospice care.

Fr. Ray Baumhart, S.J., celebrated his funeral Mass at Madonna della Strada Chapel, and close friend, Fr. John Dillon, S.J., gave the homily.

Fr. Don was well loved by retreatants and staff at Bellarmine. His friendly smile and gentle ways are missed by all.

Farewell & Thank You Br. Joe Shubitowski, S.J.

It was just a short time ago, during the summer of 2004, that Br. Joe joined the maintenance staff at Bellarmine. He came to us from Manresa Retreat House in the Detroit Province. Before serving at Manresa, Br. Joe had spent 6 years in Sudan where he was in charge of building a school. The school was later taken over by the military and sustained considerable damage. The military has now returned the school to the Jesuits. Br. Joe will be returning to Sudan some time in the near future to oversee the repair of the school.

We are grateful for the time that Br. Joe has spent with us. He has accomplished many improvements and repairs in the main building, as well as in the Coach House and Cottage. His hard work and expertise will be greatly missed, however, we wish him well in the important work he will be doing in Sudan.

Fr. Pat Boyle, S.J., Visits Bellarmine

Fr. Pat Boyle, S.J., former Director of Bellarmine, recently spent a week at the Retreat House while recovering from successful surgery. Fr. Pat has returned to Mundelein Seminary to resume his duties as professor of moral theology.

Prayers Requested

Prayers are requested for Board member, Jim Ivers. Jim was shoveling snow when a car spun out of control critically injuring him. After months in the hospital, Jim is now at home recovering from most of his injuries, however he was left permanently blind as a result of the accident.

Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Board member, Fr. Joseph Kruszynski, O.F. M. Conv. Fr. Joe died on February 16 from cancer. His funeral mass was celebrated February 22 at Annuntiata Church; Cardinal George officiated.

Bellarmino Mission Statement

The mission of the Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House is to cooperate with the Church in Chicago and the Midwest in fostering the spiritual development of Catholics and fellow Christians in the area. As its primary ministry, Bellarmine offers weekend retreats based on Ignatian Spirituality; it also offers other programs tailored to the changing needs in today's Church. Jesuit and non-Jesuit colleagues collaborate in the planning and execution of all of Bellarmine's retreats and other programs. As an expression of its ecumenism and civic fellowship, Bellarmine's facilities at times are open to other religious and civic groups.

Bellarmino Retreat Schedule – March 2006 – December 2006

MARCH 3 – 5

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. Michael E. Dorrler, S.J.

ST MARY MAGDALENE
(Joliet)
ST JOHN NEUMAN - 2

MARCH 10 – 12

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. Richard H. McGurn, S.J.

ED DENTEN
KC – SACRED HEART
KC – ST BEDE (Ingleside)
LOYOLA DENTAL
ST AGNES (Butler, WI)
ST LIBORIUS (Steger)
ST THOMAS VILLANOVA
(Palatine)
ZIGGIE'S GROUP

MARCH 17 – 19

Men's Bill W Silent Retreat
Fr. Edward A. Flint, S.J.

MARCH 24 – 26

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. Mark W. Andrews, S.J.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES
DICK BROOKER MEMORIAL
FRANKLIN DUBOIS MEMORIAL
KC-MARIA COUNCIL
(Park Ridge)
KC – RYAN (Chicago)
RIVER FOREST
ST MATTHEW (Glendale Hts)

MARCH 31 – APRIL 2

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. Richard H. McGurn, S.J.

DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY
ED GESUALDO
KC – GLEN ELLYN
KC – HOLY GHOST
(St. Theresa, Palatine)
OUR LADY OF THE BROOK
(Northbrook)
RICHARD ANTONELLO
ST JAMES (Franklin, WI)

APRIL 7 – 9

Women's Silent Retreat
Fr. Michael E. Dorrler, S.J.

APRIL 13 – 15

Men's Holy Week Silent Retreat
Fr. Richard H. McGurn, S.J.

EUGENE HARTRICH MEM.
JOHN GELDERMANN
KC – COMMODORE BARRY
MCDEVITT CLAN
MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
ST MARTHA – MORTON GROVE

APRIL 21 – 23

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. Theodore C. Ross, S.J.

FOUR SHEPHERDS
FRANK CONDON
HOLY CROSS (Batavia)
KC – ADDISON
LOYOLA ACADEMY
FATHERS' CLUB
OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE
ST FRANCIS XAVIER
(Wilmette)
ST MARY'S (Elm Grove, WI)
TOM BAK

APRIL 28 – 30

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. Mark W. Andrews, S.J.

CHARLIE MATHEWS
KC – MCHENRY
SCHOOL OF ENGINEERS
ST FRANCES OF ROME – HNS
ST JAMES (A.H.)
ST JOHN (Villa Park)
ST MATTHEW (Oak Creek, WI)
ST MICHAEL (Wheaton)
ST. STEPHEN DEACON &
MARTYR

SEPTEMBER 8 – 10

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. Douglas J. Leonhardt, S.J.

MATT CARPENTER
GROUP

SEPTEMBER 15 – 17

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. J. Peter Carey, S.J.

BOB GORMAN
EUGENE MACIEJEWSKI
HOLY FAMILY (Decatur, MI)
JERRY JENDRO
JOE BUSSONE
JOHN HOLMES
MARK LESTER
ST. ANASTASIA-HNS
(Waukegan)
ST. HUBERT'S
(Hoffman Estates)
ST. MARY OF THE WOODS
ST. PETRONILLE (Glen Ellyn)

SEPTEMBER 29 – OCTOBER 1

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. Steven F. Hurd, S.J.

BERNARD KASH
HOLY FAMILY (Inverness)
JOHN KASTING
KC-MT PROSPECT
OUR LADY OF FATIMA
(Chicago)
ST. EDNA (A.H.)
ST. JOHN NEUMAN
ST. PRISCILLA CHURCH
HNS (Chicago)
TOM TULLY
YOUNG MEN

OCTOBER 6 – 8

Women's Silent Retreat
Fr. Mark W. Andrews, S.J.

OCTOBER 10 – 12

Women's Midweek Retreat
Fr. Mark W. Andrews, S.J.

OCTOBER 13 – 15

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. Steven F. Hurd, S.J.

FIVE HOLY MARTYRS
JACK DUGGAN MEMORIAL
KC-HOLY GHOST
(Wood Dale)
KC-ROSELLE
KC-SPRING GROVE
NEWSPAPER
RED MOONEY/JACK
CULLEN
ST. MONICA
(Carpentersville)
ST. NICHOLAS HNS
(Evanston)
ST. NORBERT'S (Northbrook)

OCTOBER 20 – 22

Men's Bill W Silent Retreat
Fr. J. Peter Deane, S.J.

OCTOBER 27 – 29

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. Steven F. Hurd, S.J.

FRANK GILL
HOLY NAME CATHEDRAL
JACK A. DAVIS MEMORIAL
JOHN DWYER
KC-RYAN (Chicago)
KC-SACRED HEART (Lombard)
PIONEER GROUP
ST. ANNE (Barrington)

NOVEMBER 3 – 5

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. Steven E. Kimmons, S.J.

FRANK CONDON
KC-ST THOMAS (Crystal Lake)
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL
HELP (Glenview)
SACRED HEART (Winnetka)
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
(Johnsburg)
ST. JOSEPH (Wilmette)
TOM TULLY

NOVEMBER 10 – 12

Women's Bill W Silent Retreat
Fr. Peter J. Fennessy, S.J.

NOVEMBER 17 – 19

Men's Bill W Silent Retreat
Fr. J. Peter Deane, S.J.

DECEMBER 1 – 3

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. Keith F. Muccino, S.J.

BOB FINUCANE
DON GOODWILLIE
DON KELLY, JR
KC-HARVARD
KC-MARIA COUNCIL
(Park Ridge)
RACINE/KENOSHA
ST. IGNATIUS
FATHERS/ALUMNI
ST. MONICA HNS (Chicago)

DECEMBER 8 – 10

Men's Bill W Silent Retreat
Fr. Thomas C. Weston, S.J.

One need not come with a group to attend any of Bellarmine's retreats. To make a reservation for any of our retreats, please contact the office.

Monday – Friday

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Annual Appeal

We are grateful to the many retreatants and benefactors who so generously responded to our 2005 appeal. The goal of the appeal was to raise \$200,000 for the replacement of Bellarmine's aging boilers. To date we have received \$185,000 toward this project. Although we have not quite reached our goal, we feel confident we have come close enough to move forward.

We have contracted with Elara Engineering to do an in-depth study. This first step is scheduled for the first week in March, and will help us make some informed decisions, and hopefully put us in a position where we can put the projects out for bids. We are hopeful that the work can be started this summer and completed before the winter heating season begins.

If you have not yet made a donation to the Appeal and would like to help us reach our final goal, checks can be sent to the Retreat House and should be marked 2005 Boiler Appeal.

Spanish Speaking Women's Midweek Retreat

The first Spanish speaking women's midweek retreat is scheduled for March 28-30. Spaces are still available for this retreat based on the *Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius*. The retreat master will be Fr. John P. Foley, S.J., founder of Cristo Rey High School.

If Spanish is your native language don't miss this wonderful opportunity. For reservations call Linda Chavarria (708-422-1009) or Nora Cuadrado (847-272-0647).

Remember Bellarmine with a Bequest in Your Will or by Setting up a Trust

Two ways to assure the continuation and growth of Bellarmine's Ministry is to name us in your will or establish a trust.

Please consult your lawyer for details for writing or revising your will, or to set up a trust that will meet your present and future needs and at the same time provide for Bellarmine in the future. Please contact Pat Kluzak at (847) 381-1261 for more information of a general nature.

Obituaries

Since our last Newsletter, we have been informed of the death of the following retreatants. Please remember them in your prayers. A Mass is offered each month for all our deceased. Kindly inform us of the death of any members of the Bellarmine Family.

William A. Beck
December 22, 2005

Edward W. Collins
November 10, 2005

Luis A. Cuadrado
February 20, 2006

Dr. John Dwyer
February, 2006

John T. Geldermann
January 4, 2006

Frank J. Gill
January 18, 2006

Thomas P. Harrison
February 3, 2006

Thomas Kott
October 21, 2005

Harry M. Martin
January 30, 2006

Charlie Mathews, Jr.
November 11, 2005

Robert L. Rohde Sr.
October 23, 2005

John Schorsch
November 4, 2005

Richard E. Sherwin
January 28, 2006

Dr. Leo Stalarski
August 26, 2005



Mark Andrews, S.J.

Lent: A Time for “Getting True” in Christ

Miriam Pollard, in her collection of meditations entitled *The Listening God*, talks about an expression used by her father: “warped out of the true.” It came from his work as a carpenter, sometimes called upon to repair structural materials that had gone out of alignment. Pollard uses this expression to reflect upon another kind of problem in life: “If we’ve never learned – or forgotten how – to receive and enjoy, we will gobble and grab.”

How to receive and enjoy: here is the key to finding our happiness, our very identity, as human beings. In the beginning of the Book of Genesis we are presented with a portrait of God’s design for our lives: we are loved children, placed within a garden intended for our enjoyment. And how is it that this plan begins to unravel? Through the temptation

whispered in our ear to deny our creaturehood, to grab rather than to receive: “You shall be as gods.” It is from this decision to place ourselves in the central position, to try to “play God,” that all disorder and destruction in life flow.

Jesus came to save us from this condition of being “warped out of the true.” He did this not by some power play, “grabbing” at the advantages of his divinity, but rather by humbly taking on our nature, to show us how to do this “human thing” the right way. In our Gospel for the First Sunday of Lent, Jesus is led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for a time of fasting and intensive prayer, a sort of early model for our Lenten observances. There he confronts some of the same temptations that you and I face each day.

- The temptation to assert control: “If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread.”
- The desire to be “special”: “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from this parapet, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, and with their hands they will support you...’”
- The temptation to become successful by “giving in” to “the powers that be”: “All these things I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me.”

And how does Jesus respond to these temptations? By insisting on the authentic path of being a Son: humility, trust, and waiting upon God. Not the anxious self-assertion, the gobbling and grabbing that is so much “the way of the world,” but learning to receive and enjoy the life that our heavenly Father wishes to give us.

So we go with Jesus into the Lenten desert of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. We do this not as punishment, but for the training of our hearts, that we might learn how to “put on Christ” and no longer be “warped out of the true.” We make our own these words of David Fleming, a modern version of the prayer “Soul of Christ”:

Jesus, may everything that is you flow into me.

May your body and blood be my food and drink. May your passion and death be my strength and life. Jesus, with you by my side enough has been given. May the shelter I seek be the shadow of your cross. Let me not run from the love which you offer, but hold me safe from the forces of evil. On each of my dyings shed your light and your love. Keep calling to me until that day comes when, with your saints, I may praise you forever.

Amen.

Captains' Corner

With increasing frequency, captains mention the importance of “bonding” for members of retreat groups. Some retreatants really are so busy that they find it difficult to schedule a weekend away from home. Families with children of various ages find attendance at athletic or other events of children an important way of showing interest and expressing pride in their children.

For such good reasons and sometimes for other rather trivial reasons, retreatants who have indicated their intention to participate in their group retreat are liable to be late cancellations or simply no-shows for the retreat. No one likes the idea of requiring deposits to guarantee that those who reserve a place in a retreat will, in fact, attend. So, what seems to help captains deliver the retreatants for whom they have reserved a place?

Captains who seem to recruit most successfully recommend that each group develop some ways and means to “bond” as faith companions in their retreat group. Especially phone calls

throughout the year from captains, along with periodic e-mail reminders, etc. can occasion a deepened awareness among retreatants that they are, indeed, an integral member of a group. Fidelity to one's friends in a retreat group is expressed by safeguarding the dates for retreat, working out car-pooling and otherwise talking with other group members about one's hopes for the next retreat. Enthusiasm for the peace and joy of the retreat experience is contagious. Captains and others in a group effectively share their peace and joy by deepening the bonds of friendship in their group.

Save-A-Date

Captains' Meeting and
Thank You Dinner
June 23-24

This meeting provides an opportunity for captains to get together with fellow captains and Bellarmine staff members and some board members to discuss ways for more effective recruiting and to determine policy for the next year. All captains please plan now to attend this important meeting.

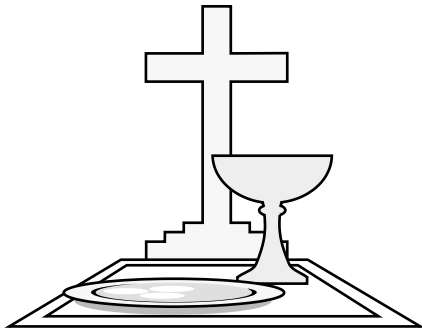
Help Wanted – Additional Captains Needed

We are often asked, “What is a Captain?” or “Who can be a Captain?”

At Bellarmine a captain is that special person committed to inviting other persons to experience a weekend retreat. It really is that simple. Captains may bring as few as 2-5 persons to a retreat, or they may bring enough people to fill the entire retreat weekend. A Captain usually starts by inviting a few friends or family members to join him on a retreat at Bellarmine. Often from this small start a group forms and grows as others join in the invitation process.

If you are not currently a member of a group, and would like to know more about becoming a Captain, please call Pat Kluzak at 847-381-1261. The Bellarmine office staff and other Captains can provide you with all the materials and support you need to get started. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity.

A Day of Reflection in Holy Week



On Tuesday, April 11, Fr. Raymond Baumhart, S.J., and Dr. Martin Durkin will present a one-day Lenten retreat for men and women over 60. Fr. Baumhart will speak about the cardinal virtues of faith, hope, love and prayer. Dr. Durkin will focus on issues of physical and emotional well-being.

The day will begin with check-in at 8:45 and will conclude at 3:15. The Day of Reflection will consist of four talks, Mass and the Sacrament of Anointing. There will be opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Pre-registration is required as we expect this Day of Reflection will fill up quickly. You may register by filling out the form below and mail it in along with your \$35.00 donation, or call the office at 847-381-1261 (Monday -Friday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm.)

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