

Bellarmino Jesuit Retreat House

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Eight Day Retreat

Bellarmino hosted an Eight Day retreat that ran from July 18-26.

The Eight Day retreat is a popular adaptation of St. Ignatius' *Spiritual Exercises*. Like our weekend retreats, the Eight Day retreat is a silent retreat. Unlike our weekend retreats, there are no talks or common devotions – other than a common celebration of the Eucharist. Instead, each retreatant does 4-5 intentional periods of prayer per day and explores that experience with an individual spiritual director. As a result, each retreatant's experience of the Eight Day retreat is uniquely personal and intimate.

While we hoped everyone could be present for the full 8 days of the retreat, we also realized that not everyone can afford the time. As a result, we welcomed those who couldn't make the full 8 days as long as they could make at least 5 days.

In addition to Fathers Andrews, Hurd and Flack from the Bellarmino staff, spiritual directors were Fr. James Flaherty, S.J. from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Ms. Maureen Kuhn from the Jesuit Retreat House in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and Ms. Marian Love, director of the Lay Spiritual Formation Program at Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis.

Those making the retreat had very positive experiences.

One of our weekend retreatants who made the Eight Day retreat wrote, "All retreats are great experiences, but this 8 day retreat was wonderful & inspiring ... quiet, edifying, prayerful & supportive."

Another retreatant wrote, "I have had a beautiful retreat experience here. I have made retreats in a variety of places over the years, and Bellarmino is definitely up there at the top of my list."

A gentleman long acquainted with Jesuits and Ignatian spirituality summed his experience as "All that I had hoped – and more."

Two Eight Day retreats are scheduled for the summer of 2009. The first will run from July 17-25; the second from August 14-22.



Address Change



With the increasingly common use of digital mapping resources, we've frequently received calls on Friday evening from frustrated retreatants who have become lost trying to find the retreat house. They're often several miles west of the retreat house near Haeger's Bend Road because that's where Mapquest, OnStar, GPS locators, etc. report 175 West County Line Road.

Despite our best efforts to clarify our location, we've ultimately discovered that it was simpler to change our address.

With the help of the Village of Barrington Hills, we've become 420 West County Line Road. Most mapping services place 420 West County Line Road near the intersection of County Line and Caesar Drive. While our driveway is slightly east of that intersection, it's very close!

We're indebted to the makers of our original sign for their donation of new signs for our entrance.

A Word from the Director



FR. STEVEN HURD, S.J.

As we begin a new retreat year, I find myself filled with hope: hope that the year will be successful, hope for each and every person who will come here to the retreat house.

With the closing of the Warrenville Cenacle and Resurrection Center in Woodstock, there are a number of new groups finding a home here. We're pleased to welcome Kairos groups from Mother Guerin High School, Benet Academy, and St. Viator High School. St. Ignatius College Prep will be conducting a number of its junior retreats here in addition to their previously scheduled Kairos retreats. The Walk to Emmaus, an adult group, will be conducting two retreats here this coming June. We're certainly going to be busy!

We're also welcoming several new retreat masters. Fr. John Crocker, S.J. recently returned from Rome where he was involved in several of the Society's works. He very graciously made himself available for a number of retreats. Mr. Jake Martin, S.J. will be presenting the October Bill W retreat. Jake is a Jesuit scholastic, a Jesuit preparing for ordination, who understudied a Bill W retreat here last year and generously volunteered to give one. Fr. Dennis Karamitis, S.J. will be

giving the March Bill W retreat. Fr. Karamitis is a clinical psychologist working here in Chicago who's given Bill W retreats in a number of places. This will be his first retreat here at Bellarmine.

I'm hopeful that the many projects underway here at the retreat house will be wrapped up soon.

We've done some renovations in the Coach House. I was tremendously embarrassed and grateful that one of our retreatants told me that there was no hot water on the east side of the Coach House. We've added a circulating pump to correct that problem, made some changes in the heating system, and some walls that needed attention.

The wood trim – particularly the eaves – on the Coach House, the Cottage, and the barn are receiving a much needed coat of paint.

In the main building, the elevator renovation is almost complete. I'll be happy when it's done. Choreographing the different contractors has been a chore. I'm sure, though, that the effort will have been worthwhile. The main entrance has been repaired and repainted. Some water problems had rotted some of the wood and caused stains. The rotten wood has been replaced and the stains removed. With fresh paint, I suspect the entrance looks as the day it was opened.

When our telephone equipment was end-of-lifed by its manufacturer, we were more or less compelled to replace it — especially because we'd been advised the we needed to replace a number of the handsets. As many of you may know, a telephone isn't just a telephone anymore. With help from the

Catholic Purchasing Association, we were able to purchase a system that meets our needs at a considerable discount. The new system uses Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP). The advantage of that service is that we were able to cut the cost of our phone service in half. The disadvantage is that we will lose phone service if we lose our internet connection. As a result, we've placed emergency telephones that use Plain Old Telephone Service strategically throughout the building.

Another year will doubtlessly present challenges, and just as doubtlessly opportunities. Let's pray that we have the grace to meet the challenges, the wisdom to pursue the opportunities, and the hope to sustain us through both.

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.

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Retreat Schedule: September, 2008 – May, 2009

September 5-7

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. James Flaherty, S.J.
Matt Carpenter Group

September 12-14

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. John Crocker, S.J.
Bob Gorman
Eugene Maciejewski
Holy Family (Decatur, MI)
Jerry Jendro
John Holmes
St. Anastasia HNS (Waukegan)
St. Hubert's (Hoffman Estates)
St. Mary of the Woods (Chicago)
St. Petronille (Glen Ellyn)
St. Michael (Wheaton)
St. Monica (Carpentersville)

September 26-28

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. Peter Carey, S.J.
Bernard Kash
Holy Family (Inverness)
John Kasting
Our Lady of Fatima (Chicago)
St. John Neumann (St. Charles)
St. Priscilla Church HNS (Chicago)
Tom Tully

October 3-5

Women's Silent Retreat
Fr. Peter Carey, S.J.
Gloria Kazimer
Holy Name Cathedral
Loretta Caravette
Margie McCalester
Catholic Cemeteries
Mary Jane Fortman
Melinda Henson
Lighthouse Women's Group

October 7-9

Women's Midweek Retreat
Fr. Bob Flack, S.J.
Gloria Kazimer
Mary Jane Fortman
Melinda Henson
Nancy Herr
Shannon Kurtz

October 10-12

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. John Crocker, S.J.
KC-Holy Ghost (Wood Dale)
KC-Roselle
Newspaper
Red Mooney/Jack Cullen
St. Norbert's & Our Lady of the Brook
(Northbrook)
Joe Bussone
Frank Gill Memorial

October 17-19

Men's Bill W Silent Retreat
Mr. Jake Martin, S.J.

October 24-26

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. Steve Kimmons, S.J.
Jack A Davis Group
KC-Ryan (Chicago)
Pioneer Group
St. Anne (Barrington)
Five Holy Martyrs (Chicago)
KC Spring Grove

October 31-November 2

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. John O'Callaghan, 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 7-9

Women's Bill W Silent Retreat
Fr. Bob Finn, S.J.

November 14-16

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. John P. Foley, S.J.
Bob Finucane
Don Goodwillie
Don Kelly
KC-Harvard
KC-Maria Council (Park Ridge)
Racine/Kenosha
SICP Fathers/Alumni
Mark Lester

November 21-23

Men's Bill W Silent Retreat
Fr. Bob Finn, S.J.

December 5-7

Men's Bill W Silent Retreat
Fr. Bob Finn, S.J.

January 9-11

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

January 16-18

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. Mark Andrews, S.J.
Al Raffin
Bill Galliani
St. Francis de Sales (Lake Zurich)
St. Mary's (Lake Forest)

January 23-25

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. Steve Kimmons, S.J.
Dr. Hugh Grimes
KC-Schaumburg
KC-St. Charles
Mike Deutsch
Jerry Ryndak
Sts. Faith, Hope & Charity (Winnetka)
St. Giles Men's Society (Oak Park)

January 30-February 1

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. John P. Foley, S.J.
St. Patrick (Elkhorn WI)
Santa Maria del Popolo (Mundelein)
KC-Des Plaines
Our Lady of the Grove KC & St Mary's
HNS (Buffalo Grove)

February 6-8

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. John Crocker, S.J.
Mike Roche/Phil Zera

February 13-15

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. Bob Flack, S.J.
Cathedral of St. Raymond (Joliet)
Mary, Seat of Wisdom (Park Ridge)

Retreat Schedule: September, 2008 – May, 2009

February 20-22

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. John Crocker, S.J.
Divine Savior (Norridge)
KC-Barrington
KC-St. Catherine (Dundee)
Our Lady of the Wayside
(Arlington Heights)
St. Isaac Jogues (Hinsdale)
St. Margaret Mary (Chicago)
St. James & St. Edna
(Arlington Heights)
Kevin Cusack

February 27-March 1

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. Pat Fairbanks, S.J.
Naperville – MM/PP/R/TH
St. Alphonsus (Prospect Heights)

March 6-8

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. Steve Hurd, S.J.
St. Mary Magdalene (Joliet)

March 13-15

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. Pat McGrath, S.J.
Ed Denten
KC-St Bede (Ingleside)
Loyola Dental Group
St. Agnes (Butler, WI)
Ziggie's Group
Richard Antonello
Young Men

March 20-22

Men's Bill W Silent Retreat
Fr. Dennis Karamitis, S.J.

March 27-29

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. John Crocker, S.J.
Catholic Cemeteries
Dick Brooker Memorial
Franklin Dupuis Memorial
KC-Maria Council (Park Ridge)
KC-Ryan (Chicago)
River Forest
St. John Neumann (St. Charles)

April 3-5

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. Peter Carey, S.J.
KC-Commodore Barry / Ed Gesualdo
KC-Holy Ghost (St Theresa's, Palatine)
Mazzuchelli's Men
Our Lady of the Brook (Northbrook)
St. James (Franklin WI)
Ken Murphy Group

April 9-11

Men's Holy Week Silent Retreat
Fr. John Crocker, S.J.
Eugene Hartrich Memorial
KC-Commodore Barry / Ed Gesualdo
McDevitt Clan
Mother of Good Counsel
Ron Frost/Gelderman Memorial
St. Martha (Morton Grove)

April 17-19

Women's Silent Retreat
Fr. Peter Carey, S.J.
Cecile Lauer
Elizabeth Golden
Gloria Kazimer
Holy Name Cathedral-Women
Loretta Caravette
Margie McCalester
Marie Pfeiffer
Melinda Henson
Women of St. Isaac Jogues (Hinsdale)

April 24-26

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. John Crocker, S.J.
Four Shepherds
Holy Cross (Batavia)
KC-Addison
St. Mary & St. Nicholas (Evanston)
Loyola Fathers' Club
Our Lady of the Wayside
(Arlington Heights)
St. Francis Xavier (Wilmette)
St. Mary's (Elm Grove, WI)

May 1-3

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. Bob Flack, S.J.
KC-McHenry
Our Lady of Peace HNS (Darien)
School Engineers
St. Frances of Rome HNS (Cicero)

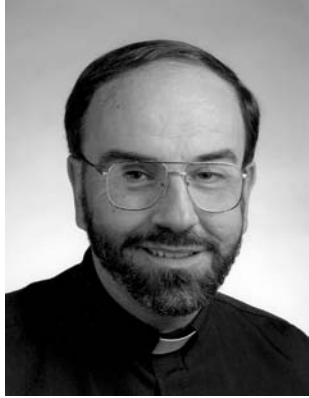
St. James (Arlington Heights)
St. James The Apostle (Glen Ellyn)
St. John the Apostle (Villa Park)
St. Michael (Wheaton)
St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr
(Tinley Park)
St. Edna's (Arlington Heights)

May 15-17

Women's Silent Retreat
Fr. Peter Carey, S.J.
Elizabeth Golden
Loretta Caravette
St. Adelaide



Following Up Your Retreat



FR. MARK ANDREWS, S.J.

Mindful of God's Care

"...you shall take some of the first fruits which you harvest from the land which the Lord, your God, gives you, and putting them in a basket...set it in front of the altar... Then you shall declare before the Lord, your God: 'My father was a wandering Aramaean who went down to Egypt with a small household and lived there as an alien... When the Egyptians maltreated and oppressed us, imposing hard labor upon us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors, who heard our cry, and... brought us out of Egypt with strong hand and outstretched arm ,...and bringing us into this country, he gave us this land flowing with milk and honey."

(Deuteronomy 26)

A prayer of thanksgiving at the time of autumn harvest, spoken by countless generations of the Jewish people. Words which have become our words, our story, as well. Our story as an American people, because we are (and continue to be) a nation of immigrants, each

November telling again the story of our tenuous beginnings, and the assistance our ancestors gratefully received from those already here. Our story as a people of faith, who have been led out of the slavery of sin and into a life of freedom and blessing by Christ, who is our Passover lamb.

It is doubly important today that we recognize ourselves in that story of wandering, struggle, and rescue. For in times of economic loss and political insecurity, it is a natural temptation to tighten one's belt, to draw the wagons in a circle, to focus intently on the protection of "me and mine" because (apparently) no one else will. But what begins as prudence can end in hardness of heart. In our desire to secure our lives, we can forget that there is a God who hears us when we cry out, who has promised to care for us even when the journey seems most perilous or uncertain. And this God bids us to reach out to one another, to share what little we think we have, confident that He will supply the rest.

To trust more deeply, especially when we feel alone or afraid. To give thanks in times of abundance, realizing that we are not the source. To live our lives with open hearts, reflecting the generosity of God. These things are more important than bank accounts or worldly honors, more important even than feelings of consolation or visions of angels. They form the path of love. God will show us how to walk that path, if we ask Him.

Blessed autumn!

Obituaries

Since our last newsletter, we have been informed of the death of the following retreatants. Please remember them in your prayers. We will remember them at our Masses here.

John M. Hartigan
October 22, 2007

Anthony R. Scarpulla
October 30, 2007

Marvin Bara
December 1, 2007

Eulogio Guiao
December 9, 2007

Russell Frediksen
January, 2008

Jerome Bona
January 1, 2008

John Galinis
February 10, 2008

Joseph A. Fuentes
February 15, 2008

Patrick J. Quinn
February 23, 2008

Herbert J. Ellis
March 7, 2008

Alphons J. John
April 21, 2008

Robert Bertino
May 2, 2008

Bruce H. Johnson
May 12, 2008

Hugh G. Grimes
June 26, 2008

Thomas Waldron
July 1, 2008

James G. Flannery Sr.
July 9, 2008

William T. Manners
July 10, 2008

Marshall E. Prunty, Jr.
August 3, 2008

Richard Kuseski
August 14, 2008

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.

Remember Bellarmine with a Bequest

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 for setting up a trust that meets your present and future needs as well as provide for Bellarmine in the future. Please contact Kathy Meyer or Wally Block at (847) 381-1261 for more information.

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