



**Come to the Quiet
Silent Weekend Retreat
July 17-19, 2009**

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**July 17 - July 19, 2009
Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House, Barrington**

Experience the power of silence and prayer. Enjoy the beauty of nature. Encounter God in a new place. Our summer "Come to the Quiet" retreat is an opportunity to pause and step away from the demands of everyday life. Make room in your schedule now for quiet, reflective space and time for conversation with God. On this retreat you will be able to:

- Learn to better hear God's voice in your life, work and relationships
- Exchange ideas with your Spiritual Director; be renewed and encouraged
- As a group, celebrate Catholic Mass and experience new ways to pray
- Write, read, draw, rest, walk, listen to music and to your own thoughts

Sign up now for this opportunity to reflect, read, rest and recharge with God.

Friday, July 17 - Sunday, July 19, 2009

The retreat begins on Friday evening with dinner and concludes with lunch on Sunday afternoon.

Bellarmino Jesuit Retreat House

175 W. County Line Road
Barrington, IL 60010-4043
847.381.1261

Registration

Registration is now closed. Please call Mary Ellen at 773.508.3237 to be placed on the waiting list.

An optional stipend for Spiritual Director is additional.
Scholarships are available! No one turned away due to finances.
Fill out our scholarship form before June 30.

Questions?

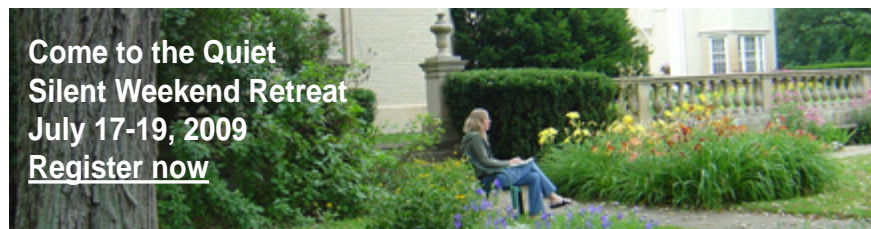
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Frequently Asked Questions

What will I do during this retreat away?

This retreat is for anyone wanting to get more out of their faith and conversations with God. Whether you're a returning guest or this is your introduction to a silent retreat, expect to have the opportunity to meet with a spiritual director, learn new ways to pray, embrace the silence, celebrate Mass and explore nature.

How do I register? [Register online](#) or call 773.508.3237 **before July 6, 2009.**

What if I can't afford the registration price? Partial scholarships and installment payment plans are available until June 22, 2009. Please call the office for information.

Can my friends come? Absolutely! This retreat is open to anyone in their 20s and 30s. Each retreatant will be assigned to their own Spiritual Director and have opportunity to reflect, pray and rejuvenate in the stillness of this silent retreat.

Who will be on retreat with me? Typically, our events draw men and women in their 20s and 30s from around Chicagoland and beyond. Some participants are from the city, some are from the suburbs. Some are married, most are single. We expect 20 to 30 people to be on this retreat with you. All are welcome.

Tell me about the Bellarmine Retreat House. [Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House](#), also known as Bellarmine Hall, is located on 80 acres of gently rolling meadows and wooded countryside just 35 miles northwest of Chicago, in Barrington.

What will I need to bring with me?

Pack light! Dress is casual so you can leave the high heels and neckties at home. Wear whatever is comfortable and relaxed for you. Along with your clothing, consider bringing: Hair dryer, alarm clock, robe, slippers (the bathrooms are down the hall), pen/pencil, journal, camera, CDs, art items, bible or other items that you find helpful for prayer and reflection.

What will I not need? Retreats are a time to get away, not stay connected. Everyday noisemakers and space-fillers like cell phones, Blackberries, laptops, the latest bestseller, homework, or officework may distract you (or others around you) from the retreat experience. If you need to bring your cell phone, be sure to switch to silent mode and be conscious of the other retreatants if you need to make a call.

Where will I sleep? You will have a private room. The rooms are simple and come complete with bed linens, blankets, pillows, and towel, provided by the retreat house. Shared bathrooms with private showers are located on each hallway.

What about food? Included in the registration fee are meals and snacks throughout your stay. Tell us in advance if you have any special dietary needs so we can accommodate them.

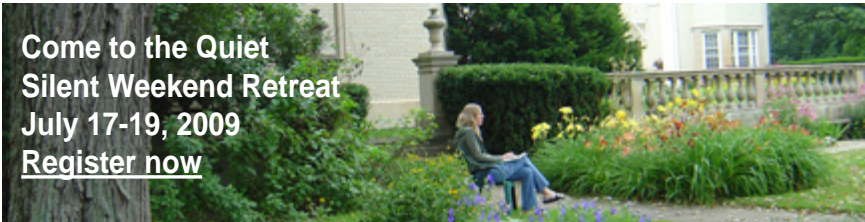
Is parking available? There are 30 parking spaces for guests, and an overflow lot is available three blocks away for \$3/day.

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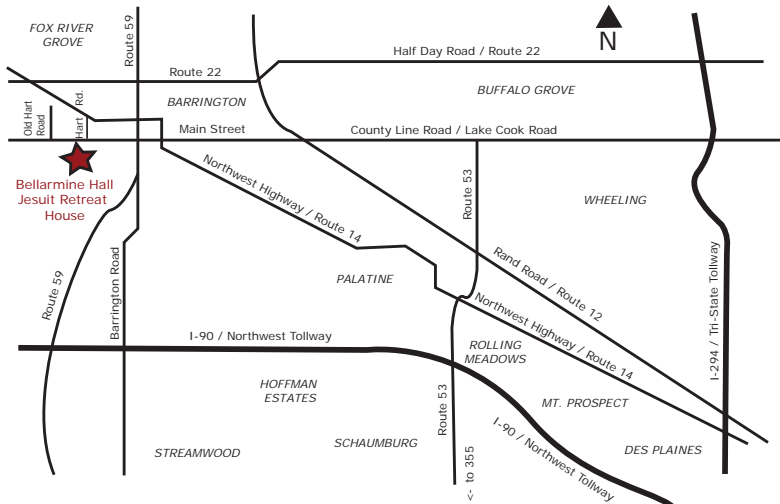
Driving Directions

We recommend you do NOT use an online map provider (such as GoogleMaps, MapQuest or YahooMaps) as they lead you to the wrong location. Please use the map and directions provided below from the retreat house. Call the retreat house if you need directions along the way.

Bellarmino Hall is 1.3 west of the intersection of Hough Street (also known as IL 59/Barrington Road) and Main Street (Lake-Cook Road/County Line Road). Bellarmino is 4.6 miles east of the intersection of Haeger's Bend Road and County Line Road. (The retreat house sign can be hard to see from the road - drive slowly!)

Public Transportation

The Northwest Line of the Metra Union Pacific train is nearby in Barrington. If you plan to take the Metra train, call Bellarmino for information regarding taxi service, or contact Charis Ministries for carpool information.



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Spiritual Direction

What exactly is spiritual direction?

Spiritual direction is concerned with helping a person directly with his or her relationship with God. It is a process carried out in an one-on-one interpersonal context. Spiritual direction helps a person listen to and articulate God's call in one's life and to respond in love to that call.

The primary purpose of spiritual direction is to help people grow in an affective, conscious, and explicit relationship with God.

Who are the directors?

The available directors for this weekend retreat include lay men and women, as well as religious men and women trained in the art of Spiritual Direction.

You will have the opportunity to meet with your personal director several times throughout this weekend retreat.

Who will be my director?

Once you register for the retreat, you will receive our Spiritual Direction Application by email. Please fill out and return the application by July 3, 2009.

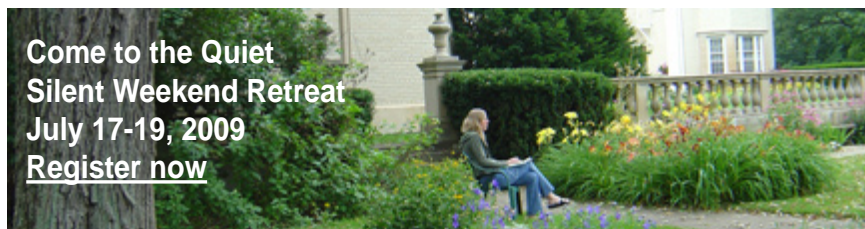
After reviewing your application, the director of Charis Ministries, Fr. Michael Sparough, SJ will match you with a director whom he sees will be most helpful to you on this retreat. Fr. Michael Sparough, SJ will be directing the retreat.

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