



Senior Pilgrimage

September 15–16, 2012
 Beacon Rock State Park

Registration Deadline

The completed application and accompanying documents must be turned in to Ms. Jenny Phillips no later than **September 11, 2012**.

The fee for the Pilgrimage is \$100 (\$110 w/ t-shirt). Financial aid is available. Please contact Mr. Fish before the application deadline for details.

No refunds after Sept. 11 due to student cancellation.

Pilgrimage Overview

This retreat is for members of the senior class. The Pilgrimage is a retreat drawn from Luke's gospel. The major purpose of the retreat is for the seniors to take time to reflect upon the beginnings of their senior and final year at Bellarmine. The retreat can be an aid in building class unity and in supporting one another through senior year.

The Pilgrimage is a two-day, one overnight retreat that takes place in the Columbia Gorge near Beacon Rock State Park. The hike itself on the first day is about 10 miles. Mass is celebrated around the campfire in the evening and the seniors then camp together in tents provided by Campus Ministry. We depart the next day in the early afternoon and return to Bellarmine later on Sunday.

The mission of Bellarmine is to produce graduates who will be leaders in action, modeled on Christ, who will be fearless in working for the Christian transformation of the world. The future of a graduate's life will be largely determined by the witness and modeling, lifestyle and life choices he/she is making now. The Senior Pilgrimage provides a small time frame for reflection on our attitudes regarding this gospel call.

Pilgrimage Weekend

You must be at Bellarmine in the morning on Saturday in time to get your gear loaded and for check-in. The buses will not wait for late-arrivals! We will load and depart from the Bellarmine parking lot in front of Orton Hall. **DO NOT PARK YOUR VEHICLES IN FRONT OF ORTON HALL** or the lower east parking lot in front of Allen Hall. Carpooling is strongly encouraged.

Students and faculty will meet by 5:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 15 and depart from Bellarmine by 6:00 a.m. via school transportation. Saturday will be spent walking in the Columbia Gorge wilderness on a fire road for about 10 miles. We will camp at Beacon Rock State Park where a site has been prepared by a group of juniors and faculty. Sunday's hike will be about 2 miles. The approximate time for our return to Bellarmine will be at 4.30 p.m. on Sunday, September 16.

Backup vehicles will be present at all times in case of injury/sickness requiring evacuation. Also, first aid supplies will be on hand for minor problems such as blisters, cuts, sprains, etc.

It must be stressed that the Senior Pilgrimage is a strenuous event and any student who participates must be in good health. Participants are urged to report any unusual health conditions that could have a bearing on the trip on the form below. For example, known allergic reactions to bee stings should be reported and proper medication provided.

Registration Process

Please sign, along with your parent, the Retreat Permission Form, and submit to Campus Ministry by the deadline, along with a check payable to Bellarmine for the application fee.

Questions on the Pilgrimage should be directed to Ms. Jenny Phillips at (253) 752-7701, ext. 511.

Campus Ministry Purpose and Goals

Campus Ministry at Bellarmine fosters a faith community that ministers to students, faculty, staff and administration. The Campus Ministry staff hopes to strengthen this faith community by providing opportunities for those it serves to respond to the call of Jesus Christ. Through its programs and team members, Campus Ministry enables members of the Bellarmine community to recognize their own gifts to serve others. Campus Ministry's goals are to:

- Foster the love and care for individuals
- Share the Gospel message and promote Christian values
- Build and strengthen the faith community
- Celebrate the life of the Holy Spirit

Campus Ministry strives to prepare students for the future who are challenged to be open to growth, intellectually competent, religious, loving and committed to doing justice in the service of God and neighbor.



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Statement of Commitment

Name of Student _____

Name of Retreat _____

Retreat Dates _____

By signing on the space provided, pledging myself to be open to growth in Christian faith, I commit myself to deepening my relationship with Jesus Christ. I will abide by the expectations and plan of the retreat. I also commit myself fully to obeying the school regulations as stated in the Bellarmine Handbook since this retreat is a Bellarmine-sponsored event.

In attending the retreat, it is assumed that you will abide by a standard of behavior that preserves the integrity of this retreat.

If I fail to comply with the standards as stated, I will be exempting myself from attending the retreat.

(Optional) Student t-shirts are \$10 and you need to pay in advance with your Pilgrimage registration fee.

 **Student t-shirt size:** Small Medium Large XL XXL

 Signature of student

 Date

Parent Permission

(please print)

Student Name _____

has my permission to attend this retreat described above with the faculty/administration and students of Bellarmine.

I understand that this permission allows my son/daughter to be transported to the retreat site and back by means of transportation provided or arranged for by Bellarmine and that, barring negligence, Bellarmine is free of liability in any incidents that might occur en route to or at the retreat site.

I authorize all medical, surgical, diagnostic, and hospital procedures as may be performed or prescribed by a treating physician.

 Signature of parent/guardian

 Date

Phone (or cell) # _____

Student health concerns/medications _____

