



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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Magis Retreat:
 March 22–25, 2013

Application Deadline:

The completed applications must be turned in to the Campus Ministry office in Fr. Weber Hall no later than **Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at 2:30 pm**

The fee for the retreat is \$135. Financial aid is available. Please contact Mr. Fish before the application deadline for details.

No refunds will be given for any previous registration or registration forms accepted after February 26. Seniors who are registered who do not attend will not receive a refund or will be billed the full registration fee.

Retreat Overview

This retreat is exclusively for members of the senior class. It is not a repeat of the Junior Encounter, and while similar in structure, the two retreats are different in focus and purpose. The Magis Retreat is modeled after the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus.

The retreat addresses, for both the team and participants, the reality of our relationship with Jesus Christ and our individual response to His Gospel. It challenges the senior to take a look at that relationship as it is now and may be in the immediate future. The retreat asks you: *“What have I done for Christ? What am I doing for Christ? What will I do for Christ?”*

It calls the senior to openness to growth, personal prayer, reflection and community with her/his classmates. The format of the weekend is based on the thematic sequence of the Spiritual Exercises in a meditation, prayer period, small group sharing format. In addition, there is scheduled free time for walks, relaxation, volleyball, softball, basketball, frisbee, reading and extra prayer.

The decision to register for this retreat, however, is a serious one and should not be taken lightly. Those not willing to reflect on their relationship with Jesus and be open to deepening it in a communal setting need not apply.

Magis Retreat Application

On a separate sheet of paper, please respond to the following questions. **Your responses must be typed.** (Your answers to these questions are not used to judge your participation— rather the questions are a self-examination to help you discern whether you are ready to attend the Magis Retreat.)

Submit your answers, along with the signed Student Statement of Commitment and Parent Permission sections, and your check payable to Bellarmine for \$135.

Registration will be considered only if all the information necessary is completed along with your check. Failure to do so invalidates the application. Since space is limited, the completed application will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Campus Minister Jim Fish and/or Ms. Lucas.

Questions

1. Please explain why you feel ready to examine your relationship with Jesus, how his values compare to your values, and how His walk with God compares to your own.
2. If God were to grant you any grace (spiritual gift) as you prepare for the Magis Retreat, what would that be, and why?
3. What is your greatest struggle in being faithful to Christ?
4. What have you done for Christ, what are you doing for Christ, what will you do for Christ?

Student Statement of Commitment

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

I understand the serious and prayerful nature of the Senior Magis Retreat, that it is not a duplication of either the Junior Encounter or the Senior Pilgrimage. This retreat demands a serious desire in examining one's own relationship with Jesus Christ as presented through a thematic adaptation of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola.

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.

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

 Signature of student

 Date

Parent Permission

(please print)

Student Name _____

has my permission to attend this retreat described above with the faculty, administration, volunteers, and students of Bellarmine. If necessary, I understand that this permission allows my son/daughter to be transported to and from the retreat site by means of transportation provided or arranged for by Bellarmine and that, barring negligence, Bellarmine is free of liability in any incidents, which might occur to, from 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) # _____

Health concerns/medications _____

Retreat check payable to Bellarmine for \$125 is enclosed.



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