

Involvement in Campus Ministry is voluntary. This participation, however, requires a commitment on the part of the student to abide by the goals and philosophies of the school and Campus Ministry. Humility, integrity, and the imitation of Christ are cornerstones of such positions of Christian responsibility for ministry at Bellarmine. Therefore, the following code has been adopted for those students who are selected as student leaders and liturgical ministers for all Campus Ministry programs, retreats and activities.

Student Leaders

A student leader is a junior or senior who is accepted as a member of junior crew on all retreats, team/crew leaders on the Encounters, the Pilgrimage, and the Magis retreats. These positions are short term, and last approximately two months or less in service to the Bellarmine student body.

A student leader is in violation of the Campus Ministry Code when s/he uses or possesses tobacco products, alcohol, or controlled substances, or any substance purported to be such, except drugs prescribed by a physician or other person authorized to prescribe drugs for the personal use by the student.

A student leader is in violation of the code when s/he remains present where illegal drugs and/or alcohol are being used. Failure to leave any such function in a reasonable and prudent amount of time constitutes a violation of the code.

First Offense: The student leader forfeits his/her position in Campus Ministry and is referred to the Student Assistance Program.

Second Offense: The student will forfeit his/her participation as a leader in Campus Ministry, is referred to the Student Assistance Program, and is prohibited from all leadership and/or liturgical minister positions for nine school months from the date of the offense.

Third Offense: The student will be prohibited from service as a Campus Ministry leader or Liturgical Minister for the remainder of his/her years at Bellarmine.

Liturgical Ministers/Faith in Formation Team Leaders

A student Liturgical Minister serves as a Lector or Eucharistic Minister for the Bellarmine community for one school year.

A Faith in Formation (FiF) Team Leader serves the Faith in Formation program for the Bellarmine community for one school year.

Liturgical Ministers and FiF Team Leaders are in violation of the Campus Ministry Code when they use or possess tobacco products, alcohol, or controlled substances, or any substance purported to be such, except drugs prescribed by a physician or other persons authorized to prescribe drugs for the personal use by the student.

In addition, a student is in violation of the Campus Ministry Code when s/he remains present where illegal drugs and/or alcohol are being used. Failure to leave any such function in a reasonable and prudent amount of time constitutes a violation of the code.

First Offense: The student merits a suspension for eight weeks and is referred to Student Assistance.

Second Offense: The student merits removal from that ministry as well as other leadership positions in Campus Ministry (as explained above) for the period of nine school months from the date of the offense, and is referred to Student Assistance.

Third Offense: The student is prohibited from participation as a student leader/Liturgical Minister for the remainder of his/her years at Bellarmine.

Being selected as a student leader in Campus Ministry, whether short or long term, is one of servant-leadership. Students serving in Campus Ministry roles commit themselves fully to obeying the school regulations as stated in the Bellarmine Handbook and in the Campus Ministry Code.

Students who are removed from leadership/ministry are eligible to reapply for positions in Campus Ministry the following school year. This applies to first and second offense students only.