

OUR CATHOLIC IDENTITY





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INTRODUCTION

On March 13, 2013, Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio of Argentina was named the 266th pope of the Catholic Church, taking the papal name Francis.

Remarkable parallels are to be found between Pope Francis and the revered patron of Bellarmine University, St. Robert Bellarmine. Francis is the first Jesuit ever to be chosen as pope. Bellarmine, too, was a Jesuit, and a Cardinal who more than once entered a papal conclave as a likely candidate for the papacy.

Both men had been professors in their earlier careers. Both were academics and authors. St. Robert Bellarmine was an Italian who came from Tuscany. Pope Francis, though Argentinian by birth, came from Italian immigrant parentage. Both achieved renown for their intense concern for, and service of, the poor. Bellarmine, in fact, died in real poverty, having sold many of his possessions to feed the hungry.

And Bellarmine's birthday? It was October 4, the feast of St. Francis. This fact caused his parents to bestow on St. Roberto his middle name – none other than Francesco.

The university that bears Bellarmine's name is no longer directly affiliated with the Archdiocese that created it in 1950, but more than 60 years later, Bellarmine University remains dedicated to the Catholic tradition that inspired it and continues to shape it. In 2014, the inclusive spiritual principles on which Bellarmine was founded continue to create a bedrock of moral and ethical values among its graduates – values that are reflected in leadership, successful living, and

service to others. And they inform the university's Vision 2020, a bold plan to be the premier independent Catholic university in the South, and thereby the leading private university in the Commonwealth and region.

Accordingly, we at Bellarmine continue to live our corporate life in accordance with the word and the spirit of the *Ex Corde Ecclesiae*, the apostolic constitution enacted in 1990 by Pope John Paul II. The Latin title translates into English as “from the heart of the Church.” The Catholic Bishops of the United States approved a document titled *Application of Ex Corde Ecclesiae* for the United States that took effect in 2001 and mandated a review at the end of a 10-year period. This booklet is an update of a previous review that was published in 2011.

As we did in 2011, we have structured this written review around the five guide questions as provided by the U.S. Bishops. These questions readily integrate into the three aspects of our corporate life at Bellarmine that we have pursued these many years: Mission, Vision and Catholic Identity.

In another major event in our Catholic identity here at Bellarmine, on Nov. 12, 2013, the Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurtz, Archbishop of Louisville and a Bellarmine University Trustee, was elected to the major post of president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. In this capacity, Archbishop Kurtz will provide national leadership while continuing his ministry in this region. Bellarmine and the Archdiocese look forward to his sharing with us the deeper insights and experiences of Catholicism in the United States that his enhanced role will bring.

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As this review will amply demonstrate, our communion with, and the service to, the Church from which we draw strength, is very wide-ranging indeed. The strength of the Catholic identity here is carried not only in the curriculum and campus ministry, not just in philosophy and theology, but in a pervasive ethos that includes ceremony and liturgy, religious art and Catholic symbolization, community service projects and international justice awareness opportunities.

Bellarmino's connection to the Catholic community continues to manifest itself in myriad ways. In 2008, Bellarmine President Joseph J. McGowan was privileged, along with several of his vice presidents, to take part in seminars in Rome on Catholic Higher Education in Global Context sponsored by the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities. Not only are quite a number of Catholic lay leaders found in our local parishes Bellarmine alums, but so are nearly a dozen priests serving in the Archdiocese of Louisville. Within the last few years, a few of our alums (William Medley and Charles Thompson) have been called by Rome to serve as Bishops of American dioceses. Also, Bishop Paul Etienne of Cheyenne, Wyoming, was a college student at Bellarmine. That makes three former Bellarmine students appointed Catholic Bishops in three consecutive years.

For over 60 years, Bellarmine has stood in the midst of this community as a truly Catholic presence. That means that it takes the Gospel and the Church seriously. It means that it is keenly attuned to the issues and needs of this area and this world. It means that it is sensitive to people with a wide spectrum of systems of belief. It means that it stands decidedly for the dignity of every human being. It means that it is committed to contributing to the betterment of this community and this earth – its systems and its peoples.

Of course not all the efforts of these last dozen years are recorded here. This review contains but a selection. Some of the activities recorded might appropriately have been listed in another category. That is, some items could “cross over” or have fit just as well in another section of the review. Still, the pages that follow set out to remind us of some of the many ways Bellarmine has gone faithfully about its tasks.

MISSION

Bellarmino is a university Catholic in its roots and ongoing traditions. As such, it welcomes students of many different faiths. It stands as the third of three institutions of higher education established by the Diocese/Archdiocese of Louisville over its long history. The earlier schools, of course, were St. Joseph of Bardstown and St. Mary near Lebanon, both founded early in the 19th century. They have long since gone out of existence, but Bellarmine continues their work in a different place and a different era. Additionally, Bellarmine joined with its special partner, Ursuline College, in 1968 in a merger to increase service to the community, church and world.

Bellarmino was founded by the Archdiocese of Louisville in 1950 by Archbishop John A. Floersch through the labors of Msgrs. Alfred F. Horrigan and Raymond J. Treece. While they were still in office in 1968, the institution became independent by mutual agreement of the archdiocese and the college. Though the Church and university are separately governed entities, they share a very long tradition of faith and educational excellence.

The Mission Statement of Bellarmine University situated in the opening of the university catalog still contains the substance and much of the original wording of the 1950 Mission Declaration.

THE MISSION STATEMENT OF BELLARMINO UNIVERSITY

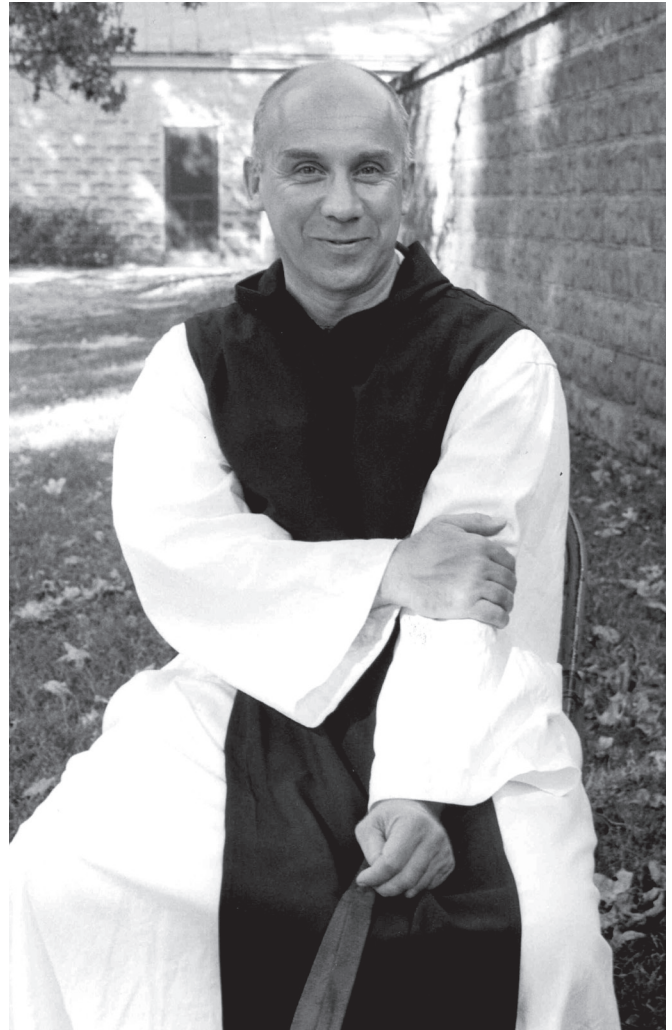
Bellarmino University is an independent Catholic university serving the region, nation and world by educating talented, diverse students of many faiths, ages, nations and cultures, and with respect for each individual's intrinsic value and dignity. We educate our students through undergraduate and graduate programs in the liberal arts and professional studies, within which students develop the intellectual, moral, ethical and professional competencies for successful living, work, leadership and service to others. We achieve these goals in an educational environment committed to excellence, academic freedom and authentic conversations that are not dominated by particular political or other narrow perspectives. Here we seek to foster a thoughtful, informed consideration of serious ideas, values and issues – time-honored and contemporary – across a broad range of compelling concerns that are regional, national and international. By these means, Bellarmino seeks to benefit the public interest, to help create the future and to improve the human condition. Thus we strive to be worthy of our foundational motto: *In Veritatis Amore*, In the Love of Truth.

VISION

In one sense, the word “vision” most recently associated with Bellarmino University conjures up the Vision 2020 Statement that President Joseph J. McGowan has projected with the encouragement of the Board of Trustees that by the year 2020, Bellarmino will become:

“the premier independent Catholic university in the South, and thereby the leading private university in this state and region—educating with excellence each Bellarmino student in the knowledge, skills and values for successful living, work, leadership and service, to help create a sustainable future for our regional, national and international communities.”

But in a deeper sense, Bellarmino has held a vision in its very soul, as it were, from its inception. This vision embraces the very Catholic vision of the care and dignity of every individual, as well as the quest for holiness and wholeness. In this spirit, we strive for international unity and diversity, hospitality, social justice and global sustainability. In this quest, we find special inspiration in a trio of religious figures:



*Photograph of Thomas Merton by Sibylle Akers.
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the scholarly St. Robert Bellarmine, St. Angela Merici, who founded the Ursuline Sisters, and the internationally renowned monk Thomas Merton, who was both a neighbor and a friend to Bellarmine, lodging the bulk of his literary estate in our keeping. In constant searchings, we strive to honor Bellarmine's founding and ongoing motto: *In Veritatis Amore*.

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In his original document *Ex Corde Ecclesiae*, Pope John Paul II spoke of the very special role the Catholic university plays in both the life of society and that of the Church as well. At all levels of university life, Bellarmine is deeply involved in the process envisioned by the late pontiff. Catholicism at Bellarmine from its very beginning has sought to be faithful, creative and inquiring. The university, nestled in the hills of Louisville's Highlands, is a center for ecumenical research and exchange, open to students, faculty and staff of a variety of traditions in addition to Roman Catholicism. With its vision of both the individual and society being nurtured by the Gospel of Christ, this university draws strength from being a place of inquiry and discussion.

Bellarmino is a university Catholic in its roots and ongoing tradition. We are especially inspired by Thomas Merton, the late monk from the Abbey of Gethsemani who had a long, vital relationship with Bellarmine. His philosophy and writings on the search for truth, religious inquiry, the nature of humanity, the value of cross-cultural and inter-faith awareness and diversity, and his advocacy for peace, social justice and sustainability are at the core of our community values and our Catholic identity.

As a community of teachers and learners, in the spirit of our patron St. Robert Bellarmine, we are dedicated to the pursuit and love of truth and understanding of the world around us. Our fundamental commitment to academic inquiry and mastery compels us to aspire and expect excellence in all that we do.

Even in an era when many would discount basic truths of the spirit and human person, Bellarmine insists that its students become more fully aware of an inner cosmos of ultimate questions and an external world laden with issues and needs of great social and ethical complexity. We commit ourselves to provide a transforming educational experience at Bellarmine where our students are empowered to realize fully their unique talents and extraordinary individual potential for greatness. As our graduates go forth into the world, they are prepared to create meaningful lives for themselves and make positive contributions to society. This transformational experience is at the very heart of our curriculum and co-curriculum.

The Merton tradition involves a keen sensitivity to the interconnectedness of all life and to human solidarity across ethnic and social divisions. The university has, in fact, held from its beginning that truth has not only a strong intellectual and professional appeal; it has a profound human impact as well. The foundational Bellarmine mission statement of 1950 insisted that "students must be taught to evaluate this society and to exercise their trained human powers to change it whenever necessary." Accordingly, we must continue to imbue our students with the knowledge and skills to develop solutions and opportunities—creative, serious, substantial and enduring—for a globally sustainable future.

These principles, then, are the hallmarks of a Bellarmine education: Gospel values; Catholic identity; inclusive Merton spirit and sensibility. They are enacted with a commitment to excellence in all that we do; the provision of transformational educational experiences; internationalism; and global sustainability. At Bellarmine, Catholic, Protestant, Orthodox, Jewish and Islamic scholars, as well as those from other faith traditions or no faith tradition, meet in mutual discourse to achieve these goals.

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Photo by Rev. Clyde F. Crews

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The Application of Ex Corde Ecclesiae suggested that Catholic universities clarify and enhance their Catholic identity and mission. Bellarmine University has responded to this invitation in a multitude of ways. Here is a brief overview:

ICONOGRAPHY AND CATHOLIC VISIBILITY

Within the last 12 years, the “Catholic visibility” of the campus has been much enhanced. Most notably, the free-standing Chapel of Our Lady of the Woods was dedicated May 11, 2001. It has created a massive, artful expression of Catholic identity and worship at the university.

Meditation Rooms are located in several Residence Halls.

SIENA PRIMO: Thomas Merton

SIENA SECONDO: St. Angela Merici

SIENA TERZO: St. Robert Bellarmine

SIENA QUARTO: St. Francis of Assisi

Guy Kemper, art glass designer, created art glass for placement in each Meditation Room.

In addition, statuary has been placed at highly trafficked areas of the campus:

ST. ANGELA MERICI at the eastern end of the Quadrangle.

ST. ROBERT BELLARMINI near the Library.

THOMAS MERTON at the Norris Place entrance.

ST. FRANCIS in the Franciscan Circle

A permanent timeline of Bellarmine history in Horrigan Hall highlights the foundation of the school and its Catholic leadership.

The Campus Ministry center has been moved to a central – and highly visible – location at the eastern entrance of the lobby of Horrigan Hall in the Student Center.

ST. ROBERT’S GATE

St. Robert’s Gate, a 3 ½-story signature entryway that was dedicated on Oct. 12, 2013, is named for the university’s patron, St. Robert Bellarmine, and evokes the Tuscany hilltown of Montepulciano where he was born. The Gate symbolizes the university’s commitment to the value of hospitality in its truest sense.

THE THOMAS MERTON CENTER

Under the leadership of Dr. Paul Pearson, Bellarmine maintains an internationally acclaimed Center to preserve the works and concerns of Thomas Merton. The Trappist monk left the bulk of his literary estate to Bellarmine, and the Center maintains carefully this vast collection, making it available to scholars who come here from throughout the world. It also sponsors programs and lectures in connection with Merton’s widespread interests in matters of spirituality, social justice, arts and culture.

The center also houses a donated collection of original letters and other documents written by Dorothy Day. The collection includes hundreds of photographs from the early years of the Catholic Worker and a nearly complete set of the “Catholic Worker” newspaper from its first issue in 1933 to about 1990. Among its treasures are handwritten letters that address day-to-day struggles at the New York City Worker house.



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CAMPUS MINISTRY

The many programs and services of Campus Ministry under the leadership of Dr. Melanie-Prejean Sullivan, Fr. Ronald Knott and Dr. Karen Shadle, assistant director of Catholic worship and campus ministry, are extensive and permeate Bellarmine life. They provide worship opportunities, ecumenical and interfaith outreach, awareness, programming, counseling, social-service projects and a vast range of activities.

BELLARMINE AND INDIA

Bellarmino has begun a cooperative effort with the Conventual Franciscans of Kerala in India. This is the same order that helped to found Bellarmine in 1950 and whose friars taught at the college for so many years. Spearheading this effort is Fr. Adam Bunnell, a Conventual Franciscan from the Mount St. Francis group who is currently working at Bellarmine as the president's special assistant for international and interfaith relations.

Currently, three Franciscans from India are living in the house formerly occupied by Msgrs. Horrigan and Treece, the university's founding president and vice president. It is a house of hospitality. In addition, the friars work with campus ministry to provide additional services, retreats and sacramental ministry. They also work with Fr. Bunnell to build the Indian presence on campus, talking to classes about India's religions and cultures, and leading faculty and student groups to Kerala to experience the other side of the globe. Many of Bellarmine's Master of Arts in Spirituality and MBA students, as well as some undergraduate students, have been to India for short trips. The hope is that this program will grow into an entire semester in India, where students may also explore social justice and service issues.

In 2013, Bellarmine also began experimenting with using their base with the friars in India to recruit Indian students to attend Bellarmine. India has many university-aged students but nowhere near the capacity of university placements for them. Fr. George from India has devoted some of his time at Bellarmine to understanding the system and will work with other friars when he returns home to bring Indian students to Bellarmine. Kerala is the home of a large Christian community going back to the time of the Apostle Thomas.

The Syro Malabar group is united with Rome and has a province of the Conventual Franciscans located there.

Bellarmino is also exploring cooperation with the Marthoma System in Kerala. The Marthomas are a small Orthodox group committed to outreach to the poor and uneducated.

BELLARMINE "BELLIE" AWARDS

In 2008, Bellarmine began presenting annual awards to faculty and staff to recognize distinguished achievement in living the core values of the Bellarmine campus community. The Bellarmine, also known as the greybeard or the bearded-man jug, is a 16th century salt-glazed stoneware vessel. It has been documented that the jugs were caricatures of St. Robert Bellarmine, S.J.

Award Categories:

- Catholic Identity in the Inclusive Spirit of Thomas Merton
- Community, Collegiality and Civility
- Cura Personalis
- Hospitality
- Homines Pro Aliis Award for Service to Others
- Internationalization and Diversity
- Global Sustainability
- Innovation and Creativity
- Pursuit of Excellence

BELLARMINE MAGAZINE AND PRESS

Bellarmino Magazine, a quarterly of high professional standing and appearance, has frequently carried stories reflective of Bellarmine's mission and Catholic identity. See, for example, the cover story "Faith and Reason: Catholic Paleontologist Digs Beneath the Surface" (Winter, 2010); the cover story on St. Robert Bellarmine (Fall, 2008); or the articles "Deepening Faith: Campus Ministry is vibrant and growing" (Spring, 2013); and "Social Justice and Hope" (Winter, 2008). Bellarmine University Press has produced books in keeping with the university mission. See for example, Dr. Gail Henson's *Gentle Agitator* (2008) or Fr. Clyde Crews' *Crossings* (2010).



ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

The Catholic intellectual and spiritual culture permeates academic programming throughout Bellarmine University at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Here is a brief overview:

BELLARMINE COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Strong components of our Catholic mission are, of course, the two courses required of every undergraduate in philosophy, as well as two more in theology.

THE DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY

Because of the obvious significance of the theology department to the university's ethos, we focus here on the department, and note that all students are required to take the Ultimate Questions course, "an investigation of the fundamental questions of human meaning and of the nature of religious experience as a response to such questioning." Students then elect a second theology course. Recent offerings have included Monastic Spirituality (held at the Abbey of Gethsemani), Christian Peacemaking, The Spirituality of Sacraments, The Catholic Tradition, The Theology of Nature, the Eastern Orthodox Tradition, and Moral Issues in Health Care. There is also now available a minor in Peace Studies.

The Department of Theology also offers a Master's Degree in Spirituality in cooperation with the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. The three guiding principles are the human need and desire for God, the public

social consequences of faith, and Christian spirituality as a sign of the Kingdom of God. Many students in this program have taken part in international course experiences.

Dr. Mil Thompson, a longtime professor and former chair of the department, reports: "We take seriously our responsibility to present the official teaching of the Church clearly and fairly. We also bring that teaching into dialogue with the broader Christian tradition and with secular critiques.... We contribute to contemporary theology through our scholarship, and we engage our students with the Church's teaching and with the current conversation."

Thompson further notes: "The Catholic intellectual tradition, service and social justice, and ecumenism are integral to the scholarship and the teaching of every member of the theology department." All Catholic full-time faculty members have received the mandatum. As evidence of scholarship, he mentions Fr. George Kilcourse's current research on Merton, Department Chair Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty's sabbatical to write a book on Dorothy Day, Dr. Greg Hillis' several papers at professional societies on patristics, and his own recently published book *Introducing Catholic Social Thought*.

As noted in other sections, the Department of Theology has also been active in bringing many speakers to Bellarmine as well as to those in the wider church and civic communities.

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IDC 401 INTERDISCIPLINARY CORE

The capstone course in BU's general education requirement is the Senior Seminar, the fourth course in a four-course sequence required of all undergraduate students. The course has as its primary focus the development of students' abilities to examine contemporary issues in a comprehensive and integrated way within a Catholic social justice perspective and the students' own majors. Seniors from various disciplines come together in small groups with a faculty member to reflect on critical issues facing contemporary society, such as racism, economic and social justice, environmental concerns, national and international crises, and ethical issues arising from developments in science, medicine and technology.

IDC 301

The third course in the IDC curriculum, also required of all undergraduate students, has an international focus, a deliberate attempt on the part of the university to assist students in understanding and appreciating other people and cultures.

SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Founded in 2013, the School of Environmental Studies provides the first undergraduate program in environmental studies in Louisville, leads campus-wide initiatives in environmental sustainability, provides a home for faculty research in environmental science and land-use planning, and directs the new Bellarmine University Farm. Dr. Robert Kingsolver, the former dean of Bellarmine College, is the founding dean and director of the school, which exemplifies Bellarmine's commitment to enhance the intellectual, social, and environmental quality of life in the region.

THE GUARNASCHELLI LECTURES

This is a series of lectures that features speakers addressing contemporary issues in the arts and humanities often related to the principles of Catholic social teachings.

THE RUBEL SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

The Rubel School of Business has integrated the works of Thomas Merton into both the undergraduate and graduate programs. A course on Merton and Self Leadership was offered to MBA students for the third time in the spring 2013 semester. One faculty member has integrated Merton into his MBA Organizational Behavior and Leadership classes, and another studied the life and works of Merton while on sabbatical in order to incorporate that material into his undergraduate accounting program. Bellarmine's School of Business is known for offering students a fairly unique educational experience: a broad-based liberal arts education supplemented by top-notch business preparation.

QUALITY ENHANCEMENT PLAN (QEP)

The QEP, required by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (Bellarmine's regional accreditation agency), is a 5-year initiative that must be broad enough to affect virtually every aspect of a university. Bellarmine has just completed a QEP focused on internationalization. Faculty members recommended this initiative, concerned that our students needed more awareness and appreciation of different cultures and peoples. This project sponsored a number of speakers on campus to broaden campus awareness of international issues (and in some cases, ethical issues).

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LANSING SCHOOL OF NURSING & HEALTH SCIENCES

On Oct. 6, 2013, Bellarmine's Lansing School dedicated the nation's first endowed physical therapy service learning clinic on its campus in order to prepare students in its acclaimed Doctor of Physical Therapy program for careers of leadership and service. The Michael E. Hobbs Service Learning Clinic, endowed by a 1971 graduate of Bellarmine, is housed in a new location on the first floor of Nolen C. Allen Hall. Last year alone, the pro bono value of the program's community service efforts exceeded \$60,000, said Dr. Mark Wiegand, dean of the Lansing School.

SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION

Students in the undergraduate and graduate communication programs spend nearly 300 service hours each year in intercultural, experiential learning. In the past students have served at the Americana Community Center, the Backside Learning Center at Churchill Downs and the Crescent Hill Baptist Church mentoring program.

THE ANNSLEY FRAZIER THORNTON SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

The Annsley Frazier Thornton School of Education places field observers and student teachers in Catholic elementary, middle and high schools: They average about 5 student teachers per semester and about 50 observers usually in the fall semester.

In 2011, the School of Education launched a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Education and Social Change with a specialization in Social Change and Justice.

SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

The school offers several enrichment courses related to Thomas Merton and Catholicism in the spring and fall. Recent offerings have included "Finding God in the Ordinary"; "Thomas Merton: The Echo of Silence and Peace"; and "Toward Vatican III?" The third course was taught by the Rev. Dr. Adam Bunnell, special assistant for international and interfaith relations to Bellarmine's president.

VERITAS SOCIETY

Since 1995, Veritas has offered superb learning experiences to people over age 54 in the Louisville area (current active membership is approximately 500). The mission is to keep people's minds active, open and growing, with the goals of understanding our history and cultural heritage, keeping members informed on what is happening in the world now and understanding changes and finding our place in the world.

THE PARISH NURSE PREPARATION COURSE

Based on curriculum developed through The International Parish Nurse Resource Center, in consultation with the National League for Nursing and the American Nurses Association Credentialing Center, the course consists of 16 modules, offered in four units: Spirituality, Professionalism, Holistic Health and Community.

MERTON ROAD SCHOLAR PROGRAM

Bellarmino University is the official repository for Thomas Merton's manuscripts, poems, letters, journals, tapes, drawings, photography and memorabilia. Thus, it is the perfect place to study this multi-talented Trappist monk. This one-week residential program, which provides a multi-media survey of Thomas Merton (his life, works and critical studies about him), emphasizes the unique place that Merton holds in the 21st century. The program, which is offered twice per year, includes a trip to the Abbey of Gethsemani.

OUTREACH

Bellarmino students, faculty and staff regularly serve others in our community, region and around the world. Here is a snapshot of some of that service:

THE OFFICE OF STUDENT ENGAGEMENT organizes a Knights in Action day each fall in which all incoming freshmen are divided into groups and do service work in more than 40 local agencies.

THE OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES invites 60 local agencies to campus each fall to connect them to students for long-term service opportunities.

OUR LADY OF THE WOODS CHAPEL is the host site for two Syro-Malabar Qurbano (liturgies) each year, one in the fall and one on Holy Thursday. This provides students with the opportunity to pray in the Catholic tradition, using another recognized rite of the Church and to meet representatives from the Indian community in Louisville.

DOROTHY DAY ENGAGED FACULTY SCHOLARS, named for the woman who co-founded the Catholic Worker Movement, are nominated and selected each academic year based on involvement and commitment to social justice and community engagement. The Faculty Scholars represent each of the seven Bellarmine Colleges and serve as an advisory committee for the university on community engagement. In this capacity they incorporate service-learning in their classes, promote service and justice within their colleges, and celebrate the hospitality, compassion and care for community in the spirit of Dorothy Day, many of whose letters and documents are held by the Thomas Merton Center at Bellarmine.

IN A COLLABORATION BETWEEN the Student Government Association, Student Affairs and Academic Affairs, students submit applications for Impact Grants ranging from \$50 to \$500 to fund sustainable service and change projects overseen by faculty sponsors. For the fall 2013-14 semester, 14 such impact grants were funded. One example: Bellarmine students have developed a music program at Nativity Academy, an independent Catholic middle school in Louisville that is sponsored by Bellarmine. BU students developed the music curriculum, restored an out-of-tune piano, and have committed to teaching the Nativity students on an ongoing basis.

IN 2012, A LARGE LIBRARY EXHIBIT on St. Angela Merici and the Ursuline Sisters was displayed in the lobby of the W.L. Lyons Brown Library. This came to fruition through the efforts of St. Martha Jacob, O.S.U.; Fr. Clyde Crews; Bellarmine Library Director John Stemmer; Bellarmine Creative Director Brad Craig; and other university staff.

THE CATHOLIC STUDENTS ASSOCIATION hosts a “Sister Religions” program, an extension of their ecumenical and interfaith dialogues with religious and secular groups on campus which have a focus on faith, social justice or service to the underserved.



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ORIENTATION FOR NEW STUDENTS now includes a session on spiritual self-assessment which is supplemented in the Freshmen Focus classrooms with a more thorough introduction to the opportunities on campus for the development of the body, mind, and spirit and realizing the “true self.”

THE DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS MINISTRY teaches sessions for the introductory theology courses on the process of creating an authentic spiritual autobiography.

IN THE ACADEMIC PEER ADVOCATE PROGRAM, 13 paraprofessional staff members, undergraduate students, reside within the first-year halls as an advocate of academic excellence, resources, and primary counseling. These individuals participate in a two-week summer training and have ongoing advocacy training throughout the year, facilitate a Community Building Model, and provide mediation and basic counseling.

BELLARMINE'S NEW COMMUNITY BUILDING MODEL, “Knight’s Way,” utilizes focus areas of Connection, Excellence, Diversity, Civility and Well-Being as they align with our institutional and departmental mission statements. The model focuses on the needs of residents, and is divided into focus areas before school starts, the first 6 weeks of the semester, and the last 9 weeks of the semester.

THE RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION is a governmental body for the residence halls that provides a voice for concerns, advocacy and praise. The goal of the organization to make residential living academically and socially positive for all residents. The Executive Board, Hall Councils and Floor Representatives are constantly listening to their residents, addressing issues with the Department of Housing and Residence Life and providing excellent programmatic opportunities.

THE NATIONAL RESIDENCE HALL HONORARY – Knights Chapter is a national recognition body celebrating the achievements of the top 1 percent of residents within the halls. These individuals are then given the honor of recognizing and celebrating excellence within the residence halls through on campus awards, state recognized Best of Bluegrass awards, and regional and national recognition.

IN AN EFFORT TO DEVELOP successful and tight-knit residential communities founded in similar academic pursuits, two new Learning Communities – Galileo and Brown Leadership – focus on academics within the classroom and residence halls.

IN OCTOBER 2013, BELLARMINE HOSTED a series of speakers on the topic “Thomas Merton and Vatican II,” including Michael Higgins, Edward Kaplan, Bonnie Thurston and Anthony Padovano.

PROFESSOR WINNIE SPITZA received the Blanket Louisville Collection Award from Kathy Fehder, president and founder of Blanket Louisville, a nonprofit organization that collects and distributes blankets to Louisville’s homeless community. She was recognized for directing the collection efforts at Bellarmine University over the past five years. Ms. Fehder said that thanks to Professor Spitza’s commitment, Bellarmine emerged as the leader among 75 schools, parishes and organizations, collecting more than 700 of the 7,500 blankets secured during a one-month campaign in the fall of 2012.

MR. BOB ZIMLICH, Vice President for Finance, is on the Trinity High School School Board and Chair of the Finance Committee at St. Pius X Church.

MR. GLENN KOSSE, Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations, serves on the board of Hand in Hand Ministries and has participated in immersion trips to Belize, Nicaragua and Eastern Kentucky. He is also a member of the Louisville Optimist Club and the Habitat for Humanity Development Resource Development Committee and has served as Parish Council President for the St. Agnes Parish.

THE FACULTY FOR SOCIAL INNOVATION (FSI) is an informal group of faculty who have organized for the purpose of promoting and, where possible, implementing creative solutions to social and economic problems in the local, national and international communities. While FSI strives to be as non-partisan as possible in its approach to social change, it is grounded in the progressive principles of social justice outlined in Catholic Social Teaching which will necessarily influence how it views the world and prioritizes social issues. While the activities of FSI can contribute to the teaching,

research and community service obligations of the faculty involved, a primary purpose of these activities is to serve as a “laboratory” for student involvement in research and community engagement.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING REGARDING CARE OF THE ENVIRONMENT

During the last decade, Bellarmine:

- Launched a School of Environmental Studies.
- Established a campus garden area to teach sustainable horticulture to students and visitors.
- Implemented a Brightside-funded project to compost yard waste from the campus and enhance soil quality on the “Bellarmine Farm.”
- Coordinated a sustainability plan for the campus and the Bellarmine community.
- Hosted environmental groups such as the regional Sierra Club meeting, the Green Convene, Project Warm’s Green Spark Awards and Metro Government’s “Farm to Table” conference.
- Sponsored a visiting speaker series, offering environmental insights to the Bellarmine community, which are open to the public.
- Cooperated with the Louisville Nature Center and the Louisville Zoo to enhance the public understanding of our natural heritage.
- Installed a geothermal heating and air conditioning system in five buildings on campus.

ANNSLEY FRAZIER THORNTON SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Within the **PH.D. IN EDUCATION AND SOCIAL CHANGE PROGRAM**, students complete a three-hour course, EDUG 860, Field Research Practicum. This course requires students to complete 80 hours of field experience where they work closely with a social sector agency in the Louisville area to investigate issues of concern to the agency in delivering their mission of service. Students also complete a three-hour course, EDUG 858 International or Cross Cultural Experience, where they travel to either a foreign country or to a

Native-American reservation in the U.S. to learn about the conditions of the local culture on issues of poverty, education, economic vitality and healthcare.

STUDENTS IN SPED 820 Advanced Literacy Assessment work with children from disadvantaged means in the Louisville area to assess literacy and learning capacities, and then recommend appropriate courses of action to parents.

STUDENTS IN LITR 670 complete a supervised practicum experience at St. Anthony’s Youth Space afterschool program. Their focus is to assess, plan and implement literacy instruction to struggling readers.

ALL FRESHMAN STUDENTS complete their field observation assignments at St. Agnes, St. James and St. Raphael. Undergraduate students have completed their professional semester at St. Raphael, St. Agnes and St. Xavier. MAT students have completed their professional semester at St. Mary’s Academy and Providence High in Indiana.



OUTREACH

DR. KATHLEEN COOTER is delivering an Academic Literacy Academy for teachers at Nativity Academy in Louisville, an inner-city partner Catholic school. Teachers and administrators receive graduate credit through BU as part of the partnership.

DRS. KATHLEEN AND ROBERT COOTER AND MR. CARL WILLIAMS hosted tables at the annual Volunteers of America “Power of 1” breakfast on Oct. 4, 2013, to help raise funds for VOA’s projects, and the family shelter in Louisville in particular. Many Bellarmine faculty and staff from the AFT School of Education were also present.

DRS. KATHLEEN AND ROBERT COOTER hosted a table at the annual Tower Awards banquet hosted by Presentation Academy. Kathy Cooter is a Board member for Presentation Academy.

DR. ROBERT COOTER was named a Board Member for Holy Cross High School in Louisville. He also serves on that school’s Education Committee.

DR. KATHLEEN COOTER leads Poverty Simulation for both university and community groups throughout the year.

DR. BELINDA RICHARDSON has established a partnership with Oglala Lakota College in Kyle, S.D.

MS. JEAN GREEN AND DR. DOTTIE WILLIS have offered workshops at Bellarmine on Co-Teaching Strategies for our cooperating teachers in the Archdiocese. These workshops guide Catholic teachers working at all levels in the use of Co-Teaching strategies as a way to support and improve instruction throughout the Archdiocese.

DR. DAVID PAIGE founded the Thinking Schools Academy, an initiative of Homes of Hope India, for the purpose of improving teaching and learning in Catholic schools operated by the Salesian Sisters of Don Bosco, throughout the Bangalore Province of southern India. Dr. Paige was assisted by a Bellarmine graduate student who joined him in India to assess students and work with teachers. Dr. Paige has now made four trips to India to work with the Academy as the project has expanded to additional schools.



DR. KATHLEEN COOTER has set up summer assessments for several schools to assess Catholic schoolchildren and conducted a free half-day workshop for elementary Catholic school principals.

MS. LAUREN POHL, Director of the Bellarmine University Regional Assessment Clinic, coordinated reading and math assessments of children/youth aged 5-15 at Youth Space (formally St. Anthony’s Center) and at the Volunteers of America family shelter in Louisville. This service was provided free of charge to the families and was conducted by AFTSE students supervised by Lauren Pohl and course instructors.

DR. ELIZABETH DINKINS works with teens at the Volunteers of America emergency family shelter to provide a safe and teen friendly environment for these youth to study and socialize after school.

LANSING SCHOOL OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

DRS. PATTY GILLETTE, KAREN GOLEMBOSKI, KATHY HAGER AND GINA PARISER, in joint practice and research efforts with physical therapy and nursing students, provide the “Active Steps for Diabetes,” a preventive and educational program at Park DuValle Community Center.

DR. PATTY GILLETTE also conducted Community Fitness and Balance Screenings of older adults at the Schnitzelburg Wellness Center, Watson-Powell Nutrition Center, and Catholic Enrichment Center and led a Guatemala community and medical service trip over Spring Break.

DR. ELAINE LONNEMANN serves on the school board in Southern Indiana and provides service in the St. John’s Catholic Choir and clinical practice in the Bellarmine PT Service Learning Clinic.

DR. ELIZABETH FITZGERALD directs the undergraduate nursing students in health promotion and wellness events at St. Rita Catholic Church each fall (Recuerdo los miércoles-remember the Wednesdays). Academic year 2012-13 marked the fourth year at St. Rita, where 92 Latinos were served who had limited English proficiency and difficulty accessing health care. The team of BSN students was featured in an article in *The Record*, a publication of the Archdiocese of Louisville, in the fall of 2012.

DR. FITZGERALD also volunteers as a tutor in English Conversation Club with the Iroquois branch of the Louisville Free Public Library, where she helps refugees and immigrants learn to speak and read English. She provides consultative mental health services as volunteer therapist in Bellarmine’s counseling center one day per week, where she works with students who have a variety of mental health issues, learning disabilities, and developmental disabilities. She also performs outreach services in the residence halls and throughout campus on topics such as stress management and eating disorders.

PROFESSOR BARBARA LEE serves as a board member for CLOUT, Citizens of Louisville Organized and United Together, a faith-based justice ministry organization.

DR. LYNETTE GALLOWAY in her capstone project for the doctoral program in nursing at Bellarmine University piloted the implementation of a model school-based health center for the Catholic school system. The model program was delivered at St. Nicholas Academy. The final report of the project was delivered to Lisa Schulz, the Superintendent for the Catholic school system. In addition, Dr. Galloway worked with the nursing students in community health to host health screenings and health education at St. Gabriel and St. Margaret Mary schools.

DR. TONY BROSKY serves the St. Aloysius Parish Pewee Valley congregation as Eucharistic Minister. In addition, he offers his professional clinical expertise to the parishioners by serving on the St. Aloysius Athletics Board Advisor.

DRS. DAN AND KAREN GOLEMBOSKI are actively engaged as coaches and clinical experts for the students at St. Francis of Assisi grade school who are working on science projects that will be on exhibit at the annual science fair.



OUTREACH

DR. BETH ENNIS serves on the following national, state and local advisory committees:

- Member, Evaluation and Assessment Task Force, First Steps, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Commonwealth of Kentucky
- Chair, LaVonne Jaeger Pediatric Committee, Kentucky Physical Therapy Association
- Chair, Medicaid Therapy Technical Advisory Committee, appointed by Governor, Medicaid Advisory Committee, Commonwealth of Kentucky, Frankfort, KY
- Member, Healthcare Advisory Committee, Greater Louisville Inc., Louisville, KY
- School Volunteer, Math Tutor, established MATH NIGHT for Elementary School, Louisville, KY
- Member, Education Committee, Down Syndrome of Louisville, KY

DR. PERI JACOBSON is a member of the Advisory Committee for the Auerbach School of Occupational Therapy at Spalding University.

DR. NANCY UIRBSCHIEIT serves on the board at Pitt Academy and volunteers 5 hours per week teaching music and taking students to musical events in Louisville; teaches wheelchair dance classes at the Nazareth Home; plays with the Holy Name Band at nursing homes, churches and community groups; plays at nursing homes and community groups with the Pan Pipes Flute Choir; forms PT teams for the Plane Pull and Polar Plunge to raise money for Special Olympics of Kentucky; leads a dance class for the Parkinson Support Center of Kentucky twice per week; works as a PRN physical therapist one weekend per month at Sts. Mary and Elizabeth Hospital; teaches in the Bellarmine Veritas program; and has taken PT students on trips to Perth, Australia.

DR. KATE CRANDELL coordinates and supervises DPT students providing pro bono physical therapy patient management at the Catholic Enrichment Center, fall and spring semesters; served on the Mayor's Healthy Hometown Movement Tobacco Free Living Committee and the Chronic Disease Management & Prevention Committee; and participated in the Give a Day Mayor's Week of Service, April 2013.



DR. GINA PARISER was a guest lecturer, Diabetes Support Groups: Baptist Health Care and Louisville Metro Department of Public Health and Wellness; chair of Research and Continuing Education Committee, Kentucky Physical Therapy Association; coordinator, Research Blast Casts, Health and Wellness Special Interest Group, American Physical Therapy Association.

DR. MARK WIEGAND made a presentation on neuroanatomy and the brain to Assumption High School Advanced Psychology classes.

DR. BARBARA JACKSON and a team of health professionals including Bellarmine nursing students provided refugees with required immunizations at the refugee vaccination clinics at Kentucky Refugee Ministries and Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee Services.

DR. MIKE HUGGINS is a clinician at the Golden Door Health and Wellness Center, Sister Visitor Center in Western Louisville. The clinic provides primary medical services to the homeless, working poor and refugees. Dr. Huggins

also is on the advisory board of the Migrant and Refugee Services Office of Catholic Charities; and is a board member (treasurer) of the Kentucky Coalition of Nurse Practitioners and Nurse Midwives.

DR. JUNE HANKS presented her research, “Hypertension in the Developing Country of Haiti,” as part of the 2013 Community Health Institute of the National Association of Community Health Centers in Chicago. The study investigates the incidence of hypertension among persons seeking physical rehabilitation assistance in an outpatient rehabilitation/prosthetics & orthotics clinic in Les Cayes, Haiti. Dr. Hanks also conducted a training seminar on “Post-Surgical Management of the Orthopedic Patient” and “Outpatient Wound Management” for rehabilitation providers in Les Cayes on Oct. 14-15, 2013. Finally, Dr. Hanks was a guest speaker in Dr. Martha Mazur’s EVSC 330 Sustainable Development course, where she spoke on public health needs in Third World countries and her work in Haiti.

BELLARMINE COLLEGE (ARTS AND SCIENCES)

Two strong contributions to Catholic social teaching are the two courses in **THEOLOGY** required of every Bellarmine undergraduate. The first, Ultimate Questions, is “an investigation of the fundamental questions of human meaning and of the nature of religious experience as response to such questioning.” This is required for all undergraduate students. Students then elect a second course. Recent offerings include New Testament: Epistles; The Christ; Christian Ethics; and the Quest for God.

BELLARMINE COLLEGE also offers a Master’s degree in Spirituality. The purpose of this program is “to provide an ecumenical and collaborative teaching-learning experience that focuses on Christian Spirituality.” In March 2013, a student in the Master of Arts in Spirituality program led the Stations of the Cross for students, faculty and staff in Our Lady of the Woods Chapel.

The election of a new pope drew much attention. **DR. GREG HILLIS** of Theology, the director of the M.A. in Spirituality

program, was quoted frequently in local media. In addition, he interviewed Archbishop Joseph Kurtz about Pope Francis for an article in the Winter 2014 issue of Bellarmine Magazine.

DR. KATE BULINSKI of Chemistry & Physics was an invited speaker on Science & Faith for the Catholic Student Association.

DR. KATHERINE BIEDERMAN of Philosophy organized and gave an ethics seminar for post-doctoral fellows in physical therapy and neuroscience at Norton Healthcare. Dr. Biederman is the new director of the Bellarmine Ethics Center.

THE DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY hosted a Peace Studies event with Michael Duffey of Marquette University in March 2012.

DR. MIKE ACKERMAN of Mathematics led a group of 11 students on an Alternative Spring Break service project in Appalachia.



OUTREACH

DR. GREG HILLIS gave a lecture, “The New Atheism and its Imaginary God(s),” to the monks of Gethsemani in August 2012; served on Bellarmine’s committee on celebrating the Second Vatican Council; and received a small grant in October 2012 from the Catholic Theological Society of America to fund a discussion group on a theological text.

DR. TIM GLASSCOCK planned the music, recruited and directed the choir, and cantored for the 200th Anniversary Celebratory Mass of the Sisters of Loretto in September 2012.

DR. ELIZABETH HINSON-HASTY of Theology spoke at Sacred Heart High School in October 2012 on Women in World Religions; participated in an international meeting of the World Council of Churches in February 2013 in Tanzania; and served on the Future of Christian Ethics Committee of the Society of Christian Ethics.

DR. JOSEPH FLIPPER of Theology gave a talk, “Compassion and Community,” at the Festival of Faiths in November 2012.

In February 2013, the seventh annual **THOMAS MERTON BLACK HISTORY MONTH LECTURE** was “The Wound and the Witness: Merton and King and the Exercise of the Prophetic” by Dr. M. Shawn Copeland of Boston College.

DR. MIL THOMPSON of Theology received a grant from the U.S. Institute of Peace and the Institute of International Education to bring a speaker in March 2013. Professor Glen Stassen spoke on “Just Peacemaking and the Middle East.” Dr. Thompson also served on the Ethics Committees for both Norton Audubon Hospital and Kosair Children’s Hospital.

MS. JESSICA HUME of English was on the programming committee for the Merton Institute. She represented the Institute at Worldfest on the Belvedere and helped the Institute with a major project for the Festival of Faiths.

MR. FREDERICK SMOCK of English gave presentations on the poetry of Thomas Merton for the Merton Elderhostel in spring and fall 2012.



MR. BOB PFAADT of History completed his sixth term on the Board of Trinity High School in 2012. Mr. Pfaadt chaired the curriculum committee and was on the strategic planning committee. **DR. ANN JIRKOVSKY** of Psychology began her term on this board.

DR. ANNE RAYMOND of Mathematics was a member of the selection committee for Governor’s Scholars for the Archdiocese of Louisville in January 2013.

DR. DAVE ROBINSON of Biology was faculty advisor to “Timmy Global Health,” a student group working on international health care.

MR. RICHARD BURCHARD, a nationally renowned choral music composer and associate professor of music, published eight new works for a cappella choirs in 2013. The world premiere of *The Parting Glass* was Oct. 31 in Charleston, S.C. The world premiere of *Sicut Cervus* was Nov. 22 at the

Bellarmino University Holiday Choral Concert. *O Magnum Mysterium* and *In the Bleak Midwinter* premiered at the Louisville Vocal Project Christmas Concert on Dec. 13. *Bright Is the Ring of Words*, *Sitivit Anima Mea*, *A Prayer* and *Cum Angelis* will be premiered during spring semester 2014 in Santa Barbara, Calif., and other locations.

DR. JOSEPH FLIPPER, assistant professor of Theology, and a co-author published “Suffering as Glory in Hans Urs von Balthasar and James H. Cone” in *The Journal of the Black Catholic Theological Symposium* 7 (2013).

DR. TIMOTHY GLASSCOCK presented a lecture clinic to the National Pastoral Musicians Louisville Region Conference on Oct. 1 entitled “Can My Choir Do That; Music of Varied Sources and Historical Periods That You May Not Know Your Choir Can Do.” Dr. Glasscock presented a compilation of sacred repertoire from the Renaissance period to the present, highlighting Catholic composers and styles such as chant, motet, spiritual, folk song, Latin language, Spanish language and Hebrew traditional. These works were presented during the lecture and performed by the chapter members present. Dr. Glasscock was assisted by Dr. Karen Shadle, who is an officer with NPM, Mrs. Meme Tunnell, who served as pianist and Mr. Richard Burchard, who provided his personal choral compositions for the event. The event will be expanded next fall.

DR. KATE BULINSKI of Chemistry & Physics (with Kristin Cook of Education) ran a workshop for K-12 educators on teaching about climate change. This was supported by an EPSCOR grant procured by Dr. Robert Kingsolver, dean of the School of Environmental Studies.

DR. FRANK HUTCHINS of Sociology organized on-campus screenings of the documentary *Sun Come Up* as part of an initiative by the Catholic Coalition on Climate Change.

DR. JOEY DOBBINS of Biology was on the board of the Friends of the Zoo.

EVENTS

Bellarmino hosts numerous events each year, including, but not limited to the following:

- Mass of Remembrance
- St. Angela Merici Mass and reception with Ursuline Sisters and the Catholic Student Association
- Mucci Endowed Fund for campus ministry
- Retreat for Women’s Council members
- 3-4 Alumni Masses hosted throughout the year at the Chapel (day after Derby, during Reunion weekend, and others)
- Service project with phonathon students to teach them to give back (since they are asking for funds) – e.g. volunteering for Olmsted Parks
- Thomas Merton Valentine Day message to alumni (email and card)
- Support of Salute to Catholic School Alumni (reception for recipients at President’s House and table at event)
- Partnership with Friars in India and China
- Alumni Service Project hosted once a year
- Catholics at the Capitol
- Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. address by Rev. Kevin Cosby
- Merton Center lectures
- Local Catholic high school athletic games
- Catholic Charities Fund Raising events
- Catholic Identity Retreat sponsored by Campus Ministry
- Highland Community Ministries Events
- Archdiocese of Louisville High School Community Internet Forum
- Evangel World Prayer Center – The Lord’s Kitchen
- Notre Dame Club – Mass and Reunion
- Many faiths – campus retreats
- Ancient Order of the Hibernians – Irish Catholic Dinner
- CLOUT Meeting – Organization of Religious Congregations.



Interior, Cathedral of the Assumption. Photo by Rev. Clyde F. Crews

COMMUNION WITH THE CHURCH

The Catholic university often serves as an academic helpmate to several official structures and offices of the local church. Bellarmine and the Archdiocese of Louisville work together in many areas of ongoing Christian life such as education, spiritual formation and liturgy.

BELLARMINA FACULTY & STAFF

A full time position has been created in the Bellarmine President's Office, Special Assistant to the President for Interfaith and International Relations. It is held by Franciscan Father Adam Bunnell.

The university has served as a gathering space for a number of meetings, retreats and assemblies of the local Church in recent years. These include, but are not limited to, providing facilities and staff assistance for:

OFFICE OF LIFELONG FORMATION

- Quest – Archdiocesan Youth Retreats in the fall of even years (2004-2012)
- RCIA – The Director of Campus Ministry provides an overview of the Mass for eastern region parishes (St. Albert, Mother of Good Counsel (St. Bernadette), Epiphany, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Margaret Mary).

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

- Women in Discernment monthly meetings
- Busy Persons Retreat
- The Director of Campus Ministry served on the planning team for the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities.

OFFICE OF WORSHIP

The Director of Campus Ministry has also served for Archdiocesan liturgical celebrations for the past 10 years and occasionally taught for the Communion Minister Formation program.

Each year, Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology places two seminarians in the **OFFICE OF CAMPUS MINISTRY** for field education. The director supervises their time on campus and provides guidance for their work with students. The Campus Ministry office is also a site for field education placements for Louisville Seminary (Presbyterian) and for Hebrew Union (Jewish rabbinical school) in 2013-14. The director also serves on the Board of Overseers for St. Meinrad and teaches courses in the Spiritual Formation Program for Lay Degree Students on theological reflection and discernment each summer. Fr. Ron Knott uses his role with the Institute for Priests and Presbyterates to encourage young men to consider campus ministry as a placement and to understand the unique role that campus ministry plays in the formation of young adult Catholics.

Dr. Melanie-Prejean Sullivan, the **DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS MINISTRY**, has served as the co-advisor for the statewide association of Catholic college students for six of the last ten years in conjunction with Sarah Fellows, the Archdiocesan director of Campus Ministry. Kentucky Catholic Student Coalition sponsors retreats each fall and spring for students and campus ministers of all Kentucky colleges and universities.

BELIEVE IT, SHARE IT, LIVE IT (BSL) is a retreat originally founded in 2000 for Bellarmine, Spalding and the University of Louisville. Three of these retreats are held each year, one in the early-fall on Catholic Identity for incoming students; one in the mid-fall at the Abbey of Gethsemani to introduce the role of silence in prayer; and one in the spring at St. Meinrad to introduce the role of discernment in our lives.



INCORPORATION OF THE NORMS

The original documents from the bishops drew up special norms and expectations for the Catholic university concerning such areas as liturgical life and integrity of Catholic thought. The response to some of these concerns is suggested in the short selection that follows.

PART II, ARTICLE 4 CATHOLIC IDENTITY AND SPECIFIC ROLES

The Office of Campus Ministry oversees the liturgical life of the campus with Sunday, Holy Day and special Masses, evening prayer, Adoration, Novenas and retreats in Our Lady of the Woods Chapel, as well as Opening or Convocation and Baccalaureate Masses on and off campus. Attendance at these liturgies averages over 5,000 each year for the Masses and nearly 1,000 for other liturgical events. In addition, the office serves another 11,000 students, faculty, staff or visitors through service, outreach programs, off-campus retreats, faith-based meetings and educational forums.

In addition to hosting hundreds of scholars researching the work of Thomas Merton, The Merton Center hosts theologians and scholars for presentations several times each year. These gatherings of students, faculty, staff and the greater community provide ongoing education for our campus and geographic area, education which often inspires attendees to re-examine their lives and re-commit themselves to the gospel call to social justice.

The Office of Multicultural Affairs provides training for faculty, staff and students on the importance of diversity and the Church's teaching on human dignity. Monthly dialogues on diversity are offered and each semester, staff provide

workshops for Freshman Focus classes. They sponsor over 50 events each year to highlight black history, women's history, gender issues and diversity topics related to social class, sexual orientation, ability/disability issues and other types of marginalization. They also have active partnerships with Nativity Academy, Adelante Hispanic Achievers and the Steward's Staff.

The Office of Multicultural Affairs also sponsors an annual, citywide Dialogue on Diversity Conference.

As part of an emphasis on religious vocations and response to that call, seminars on discernment are offered jointly by the Career Center and the Office of Campus Ministry.

Each summer, the Director of Campus Ministry and the Office of Residence Life present training sessions for the Residence Hall assistants. Part of their training is conducted by the Director of Campus Ministry on the mission of the university and the role of the RA in carrying forth the mission. She also conducts a workshop for them on Ethical Decision-Making.

In 2011, Campus Ministry partnered with Residence Life to begin a new peer ministry program, placing three trained student ministers in residence halls to lead scripture study, answer questions of faith and be available for one-on-one counseling with students facing distressing personal matters.

INCORPORATION OF THE NORMS

PART II, ARTICLE 4E MANDATUM

All Catholic professors in the Theology Department hold the mandatum as granted by the Archbishop.

PART II, ARTICLE 5 GOSPEL VALUES

The IDC Senior Seminar must include Catholic Social Teaching and all Bellarmine graduates must have completed this seminar. The Senior Seminar is designed as a capstone course which integrates the students' coursework and professional preparation with ethical questions and Catholic/gospel perspectives. Some of the instructors for the course use prepared materials and others hold a special session conducted by the Director of Campus Ministry. Freshman Focus, a one hour extended orientation class, and Freshman Seminar instructors often ask the Director of Campus Ministry to introduce students to the Catholic Intellectual Tradition and to the "search for the true self" as exhibited in Thomas Merton's writing.

The Director of Campus Ministry serves as the advisor for the SGA Vice-President for Campus and Community Service. All Recognized Student Organizations must complete service hours each semester. Each year the Office of Campus Ministry and the SGA VPCCS offer opportunities for all-campus volunteer days, special days such as MLK Service Day, domestic and international Alternative Spring Break trips, and discernment for years of service abroad. Over the past 10 years, Bellarmine has contributed over 150,000 hours of service as part of these initiatives. In addition, seven students have discerned a call to a full year of service following graduation as a direct result of these service opportunities with the Passionist Volunteer Corps, the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, the Christian Appalachia Project and the Peace Corps.

The Office of Campus Ministry offers an annual interfaith Seder with the Jewish community. The office also sponsors the Hillel Foundation for Jewish Campus Life at Bellarmine, working in conjunction with the Hillel of the

University of Louisville and the Jewish Community Federation. A Jewish-Catholic dialogue group works to co-sponsor events on campus to raise awareness of our common heritage and sponsors speakers on a regular basis. In addition, there are several IDC courses which work to combat anti-Semitism as well as a set of theology courses on Judaic Thought, taught by a local Rabbi.

The Campus Ministry Council is composed of representatives of each of the faith-based organizations on campus – the Catholic Students Association, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, BU Wesley (Methodist), the Hillel Foundation for Jewish Campus Life, the Muslim Students at Prayer, Kinesis (Presbyterian), Hindu Students and Earthen Spiritualities. It meets six times each year to coordinate activities and programs in a spirit of interfaith cooperation.

The Office of Student Affairs is composed of staff, faculty and students who plan programs to highlight the values of the Bellarmine mission. They create events to celebrate the Feast Days of St. Robert, St. Francis and St. Angela Merici each year. In the spring semester of 2011, they created a Values and Ethics Month during April to highlight the various codes of ethics which govern the professions on campus. The care of creation aspect of Catholic Social Teaching was highlighted with intersecting events sponsored by SGA, the university's Sustainability Committee and Campus Ministry, including Lent 4.5, a spirituality program which highlights how environmental concerns mirror gospel values. This program will be repeated in 2014.

The Office of Campus Ministry is also a member of the Highland Community Ministries. Either the director or a designated faculty member has served on the HCM governing board for the past 40 years. Currently, a retired faculty member is the vice president of HCM.

The Office of Campus Ministry serves as a Field Education Placement Center for the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. In the past ten years, the director has supervised eleven Presbyterian, Cooperative Baptist, and Independent Christian seminarians. They work with outreach to our non-Catholic Christian students.





SERVICE TO THE WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

In addition to personal service by students, faculty and staff, the university serves the wider church and community through a variety of institutional efforts, including extending honorary degrees, hosting guest lecturers and other special programming. Here's a look:

HONORARY DEGREES

One of the most public manifestations a university has of expressing its commitments and sensibilities is in its granting of honorary degrees at commencement. A partial listing of those so honored in recent years here at Bellarmine includes:

REV. DR. KEVIN W. COSBY (2013)
BISHOP JOHN J. MCRAITH (2009)
RT. REV. EDWIN F. GULICK (2008)
WENDELL BERRY (2007)
ARCHBISHOP THOMAS C. KELLY (2007)
SR. KATHLEEN SHEEHAN, SCN (2005)
SR. SARAH STAUBLE, OSU (2004)
BRO. PATRICK HART, OCSO (2003)
ROMANO L. MAZZOLI (2002)
JOHN H. FORD (2001)

GRADUATES IN CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP

As noted, Bishop Paul Etienne of Cheyenne, Wyoming, appointed in 2009, attended Bellarmine. Bishop William Medley, appointed Bishop of Owensboro in 2010 and Bishop Charles Thompson, appointed Bishop of Evansville in 2011, are Bellarmine graduates. Close to a dozen priests in the Archdiocese of Louisville over the past decade were educated at Bellarmine. So were a number of lay leaders in local and regional parishes.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Over the years, Bellarmine has brought an amazing array of national and international leaders and speakers to the campus. These have included President John F. Kennedy, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Dorothy Day, Cardinals Joseph Ritter, Samuel Stritch and Johannes Willebrands. More recently, speakers (whose presentations are open to the public as well as the campus) have included:

DR. TIMOTHY P. O'MALLEY
MICHAEL HIGGINS
EDWARD KAPLAN
BONNIE THURSTON
ANTHONY PADOVANO
FR. JOSEPH KOMONCHAK
SR. DORIS GOTEMOELLER
URSULA KING
PETER STEINFELS
LISA SOWLE CAHILL
FR. DANIEL GROODY
ROBERT WILKEN
CHRISTOPHER RUDDY

THEOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Members of the theology department are frequently called upon to speak at educational programs in Catholic parishes and other church congregations in the Louisville area. They are active in a wide variety of ways, including Fr. George

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Kilcourse's involvement with interchurch marriage and families; and Dr. Mil Thompson's service on the ethics committee of Norton Audubon and Kosair Children's Hospital. Additionally, department members are active in such groups as the Catholic Theological Society of America, the American Academy of Religion, the Society of Christian Ethics, the College Theology Society and the North American Patristics Association.

BELLARMINE LIBRARY

Library director Dr. John Stemmer reports that the Library routinely gets several visitors or questions a month from non-Bellarmino community members seeking answers to Catholic questions or seeking to use Catholic resources. Their needs may be as simple as using a Catholic directory or encyclopedia or the microfilm holdings of The Record (Bellarmino holds copies back to 1879). Or they may need to do more complex research. In any event, the Library makes itself available as a Catholic community resource.

CLERGY BEYOND BORDERS AND THE CARAVAN FOR RECONCILIATION

Bellarmino University played host to this project which brings together leaders from diverse religious faiths to combat fear, division and bigotry, and to create unity, so that all can recognize and value the true wholeness of humanity.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

In addition to the programs mentioned above, it should be noted that such events as the "Beatification of Cardinal Newman" and the "Year of Galileo" have been duly observed with on-campus programs.



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CAMPUS MINISTRY

Dr. Melanie-Prejean Sullivan, director of Campus Ministry, served on a committee to welcome the National Religious Vocation Convocation to Louisville in 2008. Students from Bellarmine were part of the Opening Ritual for this national event and the director provided a workshop on discernment.

Dr. Sullivan was a pre-conference presenter on discernment for the NRVC in 2010. Her full-day workshop was attended by 80 vocation directors from the U.S. and Canada. Her presentation was part of an NRVC initiative to create a “culture of discernment” on college campuses which includes courses and retreats on discernment using her curriculum guide, *Whispers, Nudges, and a Couple of Kicks* published by Bellarmine University Press in 2009. Also part of this initiative, she presented a workshop on discernment for campus ministers at the Catholic Campus Ministry Association conference in 2008.

Dr. Sullivan currently serves on the Certification Committee for the Catholic Campus Ministry Association as the Southern Region representative. In addition, she was on the design, planning and implementation team for a Symposium for Campus Ministers on Catholic Campuses in 2008. Her workshop was on interfaith initiatives on Catholic campuses.

Dr. Sullivan also presented a workshop for the USCCB and the CCMA at Notre Dame in 2004 on the “Eucharistic Imagination as a Paradigm for Strategic Planning” and co-presented a workshop for the Values and Ethics Seminar at Notre Dame, Joy in the Truth Conference titled “Administration: Transforming Administration into Ministry” in 2005. She also presented a workshop for the North American Conference of Associates and Religious in 2006 on the spiritual needs and development of young adults.

Dr. Sullivan also presented a seminar for the Institute for Priests and Presbyterates in 2009 for new pastors and she assisted with an International Priests conference in 2011.

The Director of Catholic Worship, Father Ron Knott, writes a weekly column in *The Record* which reaches every Catholic home in the Archdiocese. Three or four times each year for the past several years, he has highlighted the young adults of the university and the importance of their role in the future of the church. He sponsors “Vocation Nights” twice each year, bringing U.S. and international seminarians and newly ordained priests (predominantly Hispanic and African) to campus so that students can come to understand their Church of the future. He also presides at retreats for Bellarmine University’s Women’s Council and has been a featured speaker for the National Pastoral Musician’s Regional Conference in Louisville, 2010. Finally, he serves as a spiritual counselor for several alumni, visiting them in hospitals, anointing them in their homes and presiding at the funerals with their respective pastors.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION

It should be noted that when Bellarmine won the Division II Basketball National Championship in March 2011, press coverage frequently focused on the special high quality and character of both the coach and the team.

INTO THE FUTURE

IN THE SPIRIT OF VATICAN II

To educate students and the Louisville community on the profound teachings that came out of the Second Vatican Council, Bellarmine is celebrating the council's 50th anniversary with a three-year program, "In the Spirit of Vatican II," that began in 2013. Vatican II was a three-year assembly called by Pope John XXIII, beginning in October 1962, that transformed the way the Church operates, with documents that charted new directions in areas such as education and ecumenism – most noticeably, allowing Mass to be celebrated in languages other than Latin. Bellarmine's celebration is a three-year conversation about the impact of Vatican II, featuring scholars who will explore the various documents and teachings produced by the council. The program will culminate with a symposium in fall 2015 that will explore the meaning of those teachings today, asking the question: "After the Council: Where to?"

BELLARMINE CENTRO

The university's top capital construction project is the Centro complex, an expansion and renovation of Horrigan Hall. Part of the project is a major new home for the Thomas Merton Center.

THE MERTON CENTER

The Merton Center at Bellarmine University offers ongoing programming. Upcoming events include:

- A Celebration of Thomas Merton's 99th Birthday: Featuring the Premier of a Recorded Interview with His Holiness the Dalai Lama; Feb. 9, 2014.
- Eighth Annual Thomas Merton Black History Month Lecture, featuring speaker Dorothy Cotton; Feb. 26, 2014.
- Spiritual Roots of Protest - 50th Anniversary Event, Oct. 24 and 25, 2014.
- Fourteenth General Meeting of the International Thomas Merton Society, June 4-7, 2015, at Bellarmine University.

OTHER INITIATIVES

The Student Government Association's Committee on Mission and Identity and the Office of Campus Ministry, in conjunction with the Campus Ministry Council, sponsored a new event in 2013, the Knights of the Round Table, a medieval festival celebrating the "quest for the true self." Round tables throughout the campus featured resources, activities and pamphlets with advice for discovering one's vocational call, living a balanced life, and staying spiritually connected. This event was a success and will become an annual occurrence. The Committee on Mission and Identity also plans an ongoing series of events to celebrate Catholic imagination in the arts and sciences.

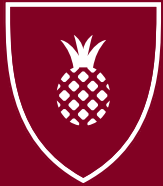
Bellarmino's relationship with the Conventual Franciscan Friars of Kerala, India, will continue to expand. In addition to sponsoring trips each year for Bellarmine students, faculty and staff to the mission operations of the Friars in Kerala, three Friars are now assisting in Campus Ministry at Bellarmine, presiding at Masses and sacraments during the week and coordinating service with the Franciscan Kitchen and the annual celebration for the feast day of St. Francis on October 4. In 2013, Bellarmine added the celebration of the Transitus, the vigil of the Feast of St. Francis, which commemorates his life and teachings.

Bellarmino now offers its staff and faculty a multi-faceted well-being program which includes free benefits such as flu shots, biometric testing, fitness classes, personal trainers and informational lunches on topics ranging from nutrition to coping with the holiday blues. In 2013, a permanent accessible walking path was installed in the center of campus to encourage the entire community to exercise. In spring 2014, Bellarmine will inaugurate a series of workshops to support staff and faculty who are caregivers for their loved ones.

The Sport, Recreation and Fitness Center and the Office of Campus Ministry are planning a campus-wide initiative on Body-Mind-Spirit care in 2014. Details are not yet final.



OUR VALUES



HOSPITALITY

Bellarmino embraces new people and new ideas with openness and generosity of spirit, because we value the intrinsic dignity of each person as an individual, and each individual as a whole person. This characterizes our approach to teaching, to learning and to life.



MERTON SPIRIT

Bellarmino finds its Catholic identity in the inclusive spirit of Thomas Merton. We believe in the search for the true self, the interconnectedness of life and the solidarity of the human spirit, which transcends ethnic, religious and social divisions.



ILLUMINATION

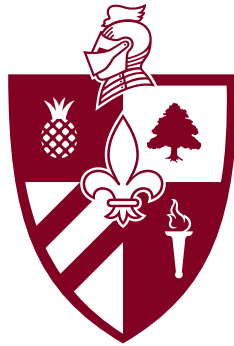
We are dedicated to the pursuit of enlightenment and understanding, by helping people develop critical thinking and to teach people how to think, not what to think.



INSPIRATION

As a community of teachers and learners, Bellarmino believes in providing life-changing experiences that educate and enhance.

Visit www.bellarmino.edu/values for links to our mission, our Vision, The Thomas Merton Center, and this booklet.



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