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**The Bellarmine Retreat Center** in Blue Ridge Summit, PA will cease operations on September 3, 2018 (Labor Day).

The Maryland Province of the Society of Jesus has owned Bellarmine since the 1930's, and we have made it available to other Catholic and non-profit groups since the 1960's. It is safe to say that thousands of retreatants have been spiritually nourished at Bellarmine over the years, so the decision to close the retreat center was not taken lightly. But given our increasing apostolic priorities, the Province is no longer able to subsidize the retreat center. Moreover, in 2020, the Maryland Province, together with the USA Northeast Province, will be forming the USA East Province of the Society of Jesus. As part of this process, we have had to discern carefully which of our apostolates we can continue to support.

During the coming year, our hope is that we will be able to identify a religious or conservation-oriented non-profit organization to purchase all or part of the property. If you know of any group that might have an interest in Bellarmine, we would be most grateful if you would refer them to us at [MARTreasurer@jesuits.org](mailto:MARTreasurer@jesuits.org).

We understand this news may be disheartening to many, as it is to the Jesuits who have helped carry on the mission at Bellarmine Retreat Center over the years. The Maryland Province oversees three other retreat centers, including our Center for Spiritual Growth in scenic Wernersville, Pa., just outside of Reading. Please feel free to visit our website's [Retreat Centers' page](#).