



The Open Window - 2020 in Review

Newsletter of the Bergamo Center for Lifelong Learning in Dayton, Ohio .

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Bergamo Year In Review

As we close 2020 and look forward to 2021 it's an opportune time to reflect on our blessings and challenges of this past year.

- The Bergamo Center reopened July 1 weekend after 3 months of closure due to the pandemic.
- Developed protocols and limited capacities to ensure guest and staff safety.
- Since July served 6 adult groups and 38 youth student groups for Junior and Senior Kairos retreats - total of 1,194 guests. (Less than a quarter of an average year of services for a similar period of time.)
- Completed long overdue capital improvements, primarily in the bedroom units including new insulation, new plumbing, heating/cooling, carpeting and painting in the bedrooms, new water bottle filling stations upstairs and downstairs, and bathtub surrounds for each bedroom bathroom. ([See Renew, Rebuild Restore Update below](#))
- This summer Bergamo Center was recognized as one of two Dayton area Businesses to earn National Recognition as Bicycle Friendly Businesses by the League of American Bicyclists.
- Established a Giving Fuel donor page on our website to accept contributions from Bergamo Supporters to further foster our retreat ministry - [Visit our giving site here.](#)



The Marianist PULSE group celebrates their year end retreat at Bergamo in

July.



Students of Chaminade Julienne High School navigate through a Kairos Retreat, keeping socially distanced and wearing masks.

Renew, Rebuild Restore

The capital improvement project progressed rapidly since March. All five units of bedrooms are now available. The project finished 9 months early! In addition to the original scope of work to improve heating/cooling and plumbing in the bedroom units the Bergamo Center has installed new carpet in the bedrooms, new water bottle filling stations upstairs and downstairs, bathtub surrounds for each bedroom bathroom, and native prairie plantings in the courtyard.



There are some finishing touches yet to be completed with artwork to be installed in all of the rooms. Wooden quilt blocks have been added to single rooms, Additional pieces are in store for the double rooms. To help contribute to this project in any amount [please visit our giving page here.](#)



Water saving bottle filling water fountains recently installed at Bergamo

New bathtub surrounds complement the new plumbing inside the walls.

New prairie plantings in the courtyard and soon a babbling brook to pass through it!

Attractive repurposed wood sustainable art pieces in the halls and bedrooms.





"...I am like a brook that makes no effort to overcome obstacles in its way.

All the obstacles can do is hold me up for a while,
as a brook is held up; but during that time it grows broader and
deeper and after a while it overflows the obstruction and
flows along again. That is how I am going to work."



Father William Joseph Chaminade

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