

Bellarmino Jesuit Retreat House

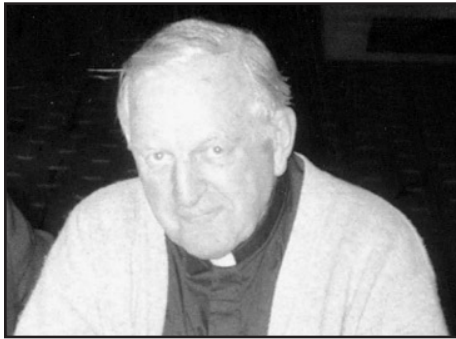
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Fr. Donald Hayes, S.J., Receives New Assignment



Donald J. Hayes, S.J.

Fr. Hayes has a long history with Bellarmine. Some of our older retreatants remember him as a favorite retreat master in the late 60's and early 70's. He served as a member of the Advisory Board in the 70's and early 80's under Fr. Pat Boyle, S.J., and Fr. John J. Foley, S.J.

Fr. Hayes was previously President of St. Ignatius College Prep, and Vice

President of Campus Ministry at Loyola University.

He replaced Fr. John J. Foley, S.J., as Director of Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House on September 1, 1987, and served in that position for the next twelve years.

He left Bellarmine in 1999 to enjoy a well-deserved sabbatical year to refresh body and soul. He spent a relaxing year at Steubenville University where his pleasant manner and priestly presence caught the attention of Franciscan administrators there who prevailed on Fr. Hayes, and the Chicago Provincial to allow him to serve for 3 years as Associate Director for Steubenville's Pre-Theologate Program.

Bellarmino welcomed him back in

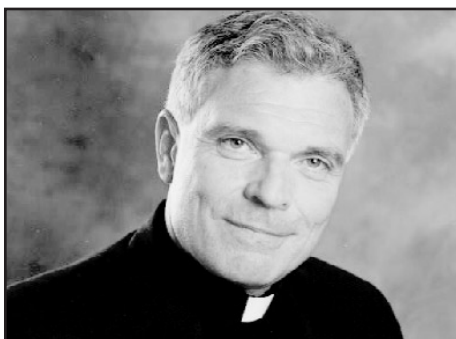
June 2003 as a Jesuit staff member, providing spiritual guidance to our many retreatants. He arrived at Bellarmine just in time to see the completion of the new addition to the retreat house. This had been a dream of his for many years.

Father Hayes has been missioned by the Provincial to Colombiere where he will continue to pray for Bellarmine's retreatants.

Thank you Fr. Don for your years of gentle priestly presence here at Bellarmine Retreat House.

Fr. Hayes' new address:
Fr. Donald J. Hayes, S.J.
Colombiere Center
P.O. Box 139
Clarkston, MI 48347

Bellarmino Hosts One-day Men's Retreat



Michael J. Garanzini, S.J.

Faced with the reality of the busy schedules of people today, Bellarmine offered its first one-day retreat on Sunday, November 13. This retreat was designed specifically for men between the ages of 35 and 55 who were first-time retreatants at

Bellarmino. Thirty-nine men gathered at Bellarmine to participate in this retreat presented by Fr. Michael J. Garanzini, S.J. The theme of the retreat was, "What It Means to be Catholic at this Time in my Life, In My Family, My Career, and My Social Relationships.

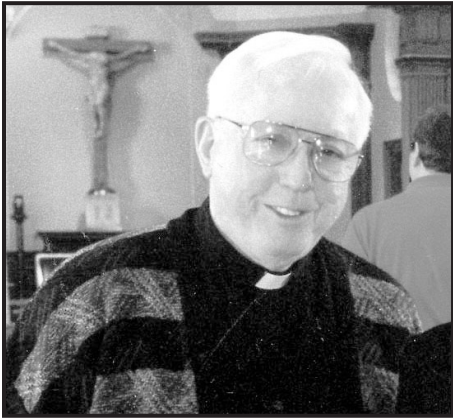
Father Garanzini is currently President of Loyola University in Chicago and has held senior positions at some of the nation's leading Jesuit institutions of higher learning, including Georgetown, Fordham, St Louis, Rockhurst, and Gregorian University of Rome. Fr. Garanzini has published articles and authored books on such

issues as child therapy, counseling and Catholic education, and moral development of children and families.

The retreat began at 9:00 a.m., and included a series of three talks as well as time for lunch, and silent personal reflection. The retreat concluded with Mass and departure at 3:30 p.m.

This format was greeted with a great deal of enthusiasm by those attending as well as retreat captains who found this a great way to introduce more people to Bellarmine and Ignatian Spirituality.

A Word From the Director



John T. Dillon, S.J.

St. Paul writes in Romans 8 that “we know that all things work for good for those who love God.” In that same chapter Paul states “we know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now.” Recent experiences of the labor pains of our planet demonstrate that new birth and growth in nature can be accompanied by the terrible power and destructive impact of the forces of nature. The devastating power of nature leaves all of us, especially the victims of disaster, feeling quite insecure and vulnerable. Nature’s labor pains have occasioned serious questions among us regarding the good that God may want us to bring out of the extensive loss of life and destruction of material properties.

Certainly there has been an obvious widespread awakening of human compassion for the victims of natural disasters. Compassion for those in distress and need is uniting us and solidifying us as a human family of brothers and sisters.

Another less obvious good emerging from our awareness of our human vulnerability to natural forces is a growing sense of what is involved in our status as creatures. It comes as a painful awareness to most of us that we lack secure control of conditions essential to our very existence. As creatures we are being made to feel our incompleteness, our radical insufficiency, our dependence on God our Creator.

Many persons today, especially during the prayerful reflection of a weekend retreat, come to grips with the human desire for completeness and self-sufficiency. They begin to realize in more profound ways that the symptoms of their incompleteness as a creature often surface in feelings of emptiness and loneliness. Excitements, including a growing use of pornographic material and use of pleasures to gratify senses, do not relieve the symptoms of emptiness and loneliness and provide a sense of self-reliance.

Retreatants are realizing more fully that God seems to want us to reflect on our incompleteness for important reasons. We are being led gradually to find security and the human satisfaction and happiness we desire in the experience of God’s personal love for us. We find God’s love operating in a limited way in the compassion prevalent in our world today. Even in the existence of two sexes we see unmis-

takable evidence of our incompleteness and our dependence on God and on one another. Ultimately, a conscious union with Christ in our prayers and actions enables us to share in the love God our Creator has for us. In loving God above all, and our neighbor as our self, we actually participate intimately in the life of God. That experiential union with God is the remedy for our painful awareness of our incompleteness as a creature. We are consciously united to our Creator.

Could it be that an important but usually overlooked good coming from recent natural disasters is our humbling awareness of the implications of being a creature. Instead of attempting to relieve symptoms of emptiness and loneliness by resorting to self-indulgent pleasure, many of us are being drawn out of ourselves through compassion and service. We are united to the world’s labor pains which seem to be leading us to become a more caring world. It seems that individually and as a human family we are being invited to undergo a transformation into a new incarnation of Christ. Trust in God and gratitude for our faith in God’s goodness enable us most clearly to discern God’s gentle hands at work in the upsetting occurrences of our world today, “laboring” to become the Kingdom of God on earth.

Annual Appeal

In our last newsletter we announced that following our custom of recent years we would make our Annual Appeal again this fall. By this time you may have already received a letter from our Director, Fr. John Dillon, S.J., indicating our need to replace Bellarmine's aging boilers.

Those of you who make retreats at Bellarmine during the winter months are acutely aware of the inconsistency of the levels of heat in our older buildings. At this time of increasing fuel costs it is simply impossible to attempt to regulate heat in our rooms by opening and closing windows.

The findings of an initial audit of our current heating system indicated that a number of energy and comfort issues could be improved greatly by converting our heating system from steam to hot water. The initial esti-

mate for installation of hot water boilers is \$120,000. This does not include removal of the existing boilers, asbestos removal, convectors, radiators, and alterations to existing rooms. With these items included, the total estimate for the project is \$200,000.

We have now hired an engineering firm to do a more in-depth study, and bring us to the point where we can make an informed decision and eventually put the project out for bids.

It has been through gifts of friends, especially during our Annual Appeal, that we have been able to continue to make Bellarmine a comfortable and attractive home for the thousands of retreatants who come here each year. Thank you for enabling us to provide an environment that expresses our love and concern for those to whom we minister.

Development Office Combined with Operations

In April, 2001, Fr. Richard Baumann, S.J., Provincial Superior of the Society of Jesus in the Chicago Province donated \$1,000,000 to Bellarmine Retreat House. Fr. Baumann recognized that Bellarmine, like most retreat centers, was experiencing serious difficulty in obtaining financial support needed for new construction. Bellarmine needed a new conference center and Jesuit residence, so Bellarmine needed help.

Fr. Baumann stipulated that \$200,000 of the donation from the Province was to be used to establish temporarily a Development Department independent of the Operations Department. The various work demands involved in fund raising activities simply could not be handled adequately along with other duties under the direction of the Director of Operations. So, Bellarmine engaged for several months the services of Mr. Pat O'Connell. Subsequently, Mr. Robert I. Pasek agreed to head up this important work by developing the ways and means to raise money needed for new construction and landscaping.

We are delighted and so is the current Jesuit Provincial, Fr. Edward Schmidt, S.J., that through the dedicated and expert services of Bob Pasek and others we have been able to pay for the new construction and landscaping.

Accordingly, the objectives set up for the development function of the Operations Department have been fulfilled. Now, with sincere gratitude to Mr. Pasek the continuing but less demanding activities involved in fund raising will be handled by the Operations Department. All further communications regarding development should be directed to Ms. Pat Kluzak, Director of Operations.

Bellarmino Jesuit Retreat House
ANNUAL APPEAL-CHRISTMAS 2005

I would like to contribute to Bellarmine's boiler replacement as follows:

\$1,000 _____ \$500 _____ \$100 _____ \$50 _____ Other \$ _____

Name _____

Street _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Method of Payment: Master Card [] Visa []

Amount: \$ _____

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Signature: _____

Thank you for your support of our ministry.

Bellarmino Retreat Schedule - December 2005 - May 2006

DECEMBER 2 – 4

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. Theodore C. Ross, S.J.

BOB FINUCANE
DON GOODWILLIE
DON KELLY, JR
JOHN DWYER
KC-HARVARD
KC-MARIA COUNCIL (Park Ridge)
RACINE/KENOSHA
ST IGNATIUS FATHERS/ALUMNI
ST MONICA HNS

DECEMBER 9 – 11

Men's Bill W Silent Retreat
Fr. Peter J. Fennessy, S.J.

JANUARY 6 – 8

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. Theodore C. Ross, S.J.

FOUR SHEPHERDS

JANUARY 13 – 15

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. Richard H. McGurn, S.J.

AL RAFFIN
BILL GALLIANI
ST. FRANCIS DE SALES (Lake Zurich)
ST. MARY'S (Lake Forest)

JANUARY 20 – 22

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. Mark W. Andrews, S.J.

DR. HUGH GRIMES
KC – SCHAUMBURG
KC – ST CHARLES
MIKE DEUTSCH
STS FAITH, HOPE & CHARITY
(Winnetka)
TOM SCHERER

JANUARY 27– 29

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. Michael E. Dorrler, S.J.

BILL DUNN
KC – CHICAGO/ ST CABRINI
KC – DES PLAINES
ST MARY'S OF THE GROVE KC /
ST MARY'S HNS (Buffalo Grove)
ST FRANCIS XAVIER (Chicago)

FEBRUARY 3 – 5

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. Theodore C. Ross, S.J.

MIKE ROCHE / PHIL ZERA

FEBRUARY 10 – 12

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. Richard H. McGurn, S.J.

CATHEDRAL OF ST. RAYMOND (Joliet)
MARY SEAT OF WISDOM

FEBRUARY 17 – 19

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. William C. McInnes, S.J.

AL RAFFIN
DIVINE SAVIOR (Norridge)
KC – BARRINGTON
KC – ST CATHERINE (Dundee)
OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE
ST. ISAAC JOGUES
ST. JOHN (WINFIELD)
ST MARGARET MARY (Chicago)

FEBRUARY 24 – 26

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. Mark W. Andrews, S.J.

NAPERVILLE – MM/PP/R/TH
ST ALPHONSUS (Prospect Hts)
YOUNG MEN

MARCH 3 – 5

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. Michael E. Dorrler, S.J.

ST MARY MAGDALENE (Joliet)

MARCH 10 – 12

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. Richard H. McGurn, S.J.

ED DENTEN
KC – SACRED HEART
KC – ST BEDE (Ingleside)
LOYOLA DENTAL
ST AGNES (Butler, WI)
ST LIBORIUS (Steger)
ST THOMAS VILLANOVA (Palatine)
ZIGGIE'S GROUP

MARCH 17 – 19

Men's Bill W Silent Retreat
Fr. Edward A. Flint, S.J.

MARCH 24 – 26

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. Mark W. Andrews, S.J.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES
DICK BROOKER MEMORIAL
FRANKLIN DUPUIS MEMORIAL
KC-MARIA COUNCIL (Park Ridge)
KC – RYAN (Chicago)
RIVER FOREST

MARCH 31 – APRIL 2

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. Richard H. McGurn, S.J.

DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY
ED GESUALDO
KC – GLEN ELLYN
KC – HOLY GHOST
(St. Therese, Palatine)
OUR LADY OF THE BROOK
(Northbrook)
RICHARD ANTONELLO
ST JAMES (Franklin, WI)

APRIL 7 – 9

Women's Silent Retreat
Fr. Michael C. Dorrler, S.J.



APRIL 13 – 15

Men's Holy Week Silent Retreat
Fr. Richard H. McGurn, S.J.

EUGENE HARTRICH MEM.
JOHN GELDERMANN
KC – COMMODORE BARRY
MCDEVITT CLAN
MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
ST MARTHA – MORTON GROVE

APRIL 21 – 23

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. Theodore C. Ross, S.J.

FOUR SHEPHERDS
FRANK CONDON
HOLY CROSS (Batavia)
KC – ADDISON
LOYOLA ACADEMY FATHERS' CLUB
OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE
ST FRANCIS XAVIER (Wilmette)
ST MARY'S (Elm Grove, WI)
TOM BAK

APRIL 28 – 30

Men's Silent Retreat
Fr. Mark W. Andrews, S.J.

CHARLIE MATHEWS
KC – MCHENRY
SCHOOL OF ENGINEERS
ST FRANCES OF ROME – HNS
ST JAMES (A.H.)
ST JOHN (Villa Park)
ST MATTHEW (Oak Creek, WI)
ST MICHAEL (Wheaton)
ST. STEPHEN DEACON & MARTYR

Bellarmino to Host Spanish Speaking Women's Retreat

Based on the success of the first Spanish retreat for men, which was held last August, a midweek retreat has been planned for Spanish speaking women on March 28-30.

The retreat master will again be Fr. John P. Foley, S.J., founder of Cristo Rey High School in Chicago.

Linda Chavarria and Nora Cuadrado are co-captains for this event. Below you will find the announcement for this retreat.

EJERICIOS ESPITUALES EN ESPAÑOL PARA MUJERES

Por primera vez en 75 anos de existencia, Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House (Barrington) tendra un retiro en español para mujeres.

El Director Espiritual trabajo 34 anos en Peru y fundo Cristo Rey High School (Pilsen) en el ano 1996. Este

One Need Not Come

One need not come with a group to attend any of Bellarmine's retreats. To make a reservation for any of our retreats, please contact the office.

Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 4 :00 pm
Phone: 847-381-1261
Fax: 847-381-4695
bellarmine@bellarminehall.org

Mail: Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House
175 W County Line Rd
Barrington, IL 60010

High School tiene caracteriscas tan singulares que el Padre John P. Foley, S.J., ya ha establecido otros once Jesuit High Schools en la nacion.

Que mas se puede ofrecer? Un Director que es muy dinamico, que conoce nuestra cultura, que habla nuestra lengua y en la major casa de Ejercicios de Chicago.

6:00 PM Martes, 28 de Marzo, 2006, hasta 1:00 PM Jueves, 30 de Marzo, 2006.

Bellarmino Jesuit Retreat House
175 West County Line Road
Barrington, IL 60010-4043

Para recibir una invitacion y obtener informacion:

Linda Chavarria (708-422-1009) Nora Cuadrado (847-272-0647)

Bellarmino Receives Second Garden Award

Although this has been an extremely dry summer, the "gardens of Bellarmine" continued to flourish under the care of Fr. George Steenken, S.J.

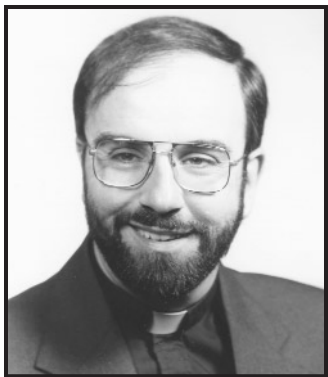
Many of our retreatants have commented on the beauty and maintenance of our gardens and grounds, and the Barrington Garden club agrees. For the second consecutive year the Garden Club has chosen to honor the Retreat House with an award for exceptional design, color, and maintenance.

Fr. George, and Pat Kluzak, Bellarmine Retreat House Operations Director, attended the Barrington Chamber of Commerce meeting on November 15 to accept this award.

Congratulations to Fr. George, and Br. Bill for their hard work and dedication in maintaining our beautiful gardens and grounds.



Fr. George Steenken, S.J. Receives Garden Award



Mark Andrews, S.J.

Advent Waiting

Some days ago I was entering the lobby of the YMCA where I take a swim on most days, and I saw a sign advertising an upcoming workshop on “Sensible Holiday Eating.” It was several days before Halloween.

This sign seemed to me a perfect embodiment of the conflicting currents that we face this time of year. The weeks leading up to Christmas are filled with invitations to holiday parties, and with special treats arriving by mail, or showing up on the countertops at home and work. People begin to worry in advance about the weight they’ll likely be gaining. Christmas decorations and sales promotions seem to be appearing earlier and earlier each year.

Experts are quoted in the newspapers, wondering anxiously whether holiday shopping will provide the hoped-for boost to our economy.

It’s easy to harrumph about this “loss of the true meaning of Christmas,” but I’m not sure how advisable it would be to strip away every shred of festive wrapping from this season, as if that would make it automatically more “spiritual.” To be sure, people can become worn out and irritable (not to mention broke) if their total focus is on consumerist excess. But aren’t those twinkling lights in winter darkness a sign of warmth, and of human hope? Isn’t the anticipation and delight of gift-giving an expression of our capacity for love? Yes, the customs of Christmas can devolve into so much tinsel, but they can also point us to the central mystery of our faith: God’s act of self-giving in the wonder of a child’s birth.

Our problem is not that we celebrate Christmas in such tangible ways...that’s part and parcel of having a sacramental faith. No, our problem is that we cannot tolerate the tension of Advent waiting. For centuries

the Church has observed the four Sundays leading up to Christmas as a season of preparation, a time to pause, and to cultivate an awareness of our need for a Savior. Yet, in bypassing the purples and the plaintive melodies of Advent (as we make a beeline to another plate of holiday fudge!), we dull our awareness of that deepest desire. Even our childhood memories will tell us how “out of whack” our rhythms have become: do you remember how excruciating it was, and how wonderful, to go to bed on Christmas Eve, there to await the fulfillment of your giddy expectation? Would the Christmas of your childhood have been half so joyful if you had celebrated it, with all the stops pulled out, every single day for a month? That’s close to what we are doing today, in our “all Christmas, all the time” lead-up to December 25th. Small wonder that the babe in the manger seems trivialized and drowned out by the ceaseless clamor of our partying.

God will come to us in this season, but on His terms, not on ours. May He find us watchful in our waiting. *O come, O come, Emmanuel.*

Captains' Corner

Jesuits everywhere, and very much so at Bellarmine, are coping with the challenges of changes in ministry. In cooperation with discernment processes developing in the whole Church, Jesuits are learning to listen very carefully to ideas of colleagues in order to incorporate those ideas and the gifted service of laypersons into more effective ways of ministry to God's people.

During its September meeting, Bellarmine's Advisory Board members discussed the mission of the retreat house. Based on data from comment cards of retreatants and insights from our retreat captains, Board members evaluated present effectiveness of our programs and policies. Then, they reformulated the wording of Bellarmine's Mission Statement.

In that rewording, the Board explicated the implications for shared responsibility of our ministry contained in our previous statement. You will be pleased to notice in the revised wording that Bellarmine Jesuits are convinced of the importance of sharing all aspects of our ministry with our non-Jesuit and lay colleagues. We are committed

to a policy of shared responsibility with colleagues for modifying existing ministries and for developing new programs.

I am happy to report that on October 19, 2005, Very Rev. Edward Schmidt, S.J., our Jesuit Provincial approved the Board's revised wording of our mission statement. The reformulated mission statement is included for the first time in this issue of the Newsletter. Thanks to you captains who already share so importantly in the success of our retreat ministry. You model the cooperation we Jesuits envision in our work and in our statement of mission.

Save-A-Date

Captains' Meeting and
Thank You Dinner
June 23-24

This meeting provides an opportunity for captains to get together with fellow captains and Bellarmine staff members and some Board members to discuss ways for more effective recruiting and to determine policy for the next year. All captains please plan now to attend this important meeting.

Bellarmino Mission Statement

The mission of the Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House is to cooperate with the Church in Chicago and the Midwest in fostering the spiritual development of Catholics and fellow Christians in the area. As its primary ministry, Bellarmine offers weekend retreats based on Ignatian Spirituality; it also offers other programs tailored to the changing needs in today's Church. Jesuit and non-Jesuit colleagues collaborate in the planning and execution of all of Bellarmine's retreats and other programs. As an expression of its ecumenism and civic fellowship, Bellarmine's facilities at times are open to other religious and civic groups.

Obituaries

Since our last Newsletter, we have been informed of the death of the following retreatants. Please remember them in your prayers. A Mass is offered each month for all our deceased. Kindly inform us of the death of any members of the Bellarmine Family.

Frank Byczek
April 15, 2005

David F. Lyons
September 21, 2005

Thomas J. McLaughlin
July 10, 2005

Armando "Nick" Tomei
October 13, 2005

Ash Wednesday Day of Reflection



Keith F. Muccino, S.J., M.D.

Bellarmino Jesuit Retreat House will host an Ash Wednesday Day of Reflection on March 1. Our Retreat Master will be Dr. Keith F. Muccino, S.J. Fr. Muccino currently works as a physician and medical educator at Loyola University Medical Center in Chicago. Fr. Muccino's love for retreat work has been a life long passion. While at Georgetown University from 1991-2004 he directed students, faculty, staff and alumni on a variety of Ignatian retreat experiences. Since moving to Chicago in 2004 to take on his current position at

Loyola University Medical Center, he has continued to direct retreats for parish and professional groups, who are seeking to connect God to the busy pace, and challenging issues, and inescapable transitions and changes that are a part of every day contemporary life.

The day will begin with check-in at 8:45 a.m. Pastry and coffee will be available during registration. The day will conclude by 3:00 p.m. The day will include lunch, Mass, distribution of ashes, an opportunity for reconciliation, as well as time for prayerful reflection. A complete schedule for the program will be available as we near Ash Wednesday.

This is a perfect way to begin your Lenten journey, and might be a wonderful opportunity to invite your spouse or friend to spend a day with you at Bellarmine.

Due to the popularity of this Day of Reflection, pre-registration, and a \$35.00 non-refundable deposit is required. To register please call Bellarmine at 847-381-1261 (Mon – Fri 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.) or complete the form below and mail it to the retreat house.

ASH WEDNESDAY REGISTRATION
March 1, 2006

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

(Checks payable to BELLARMINE
JESUIT RETREAT HOUSE)

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