

## WHAT HAPPENS ON A CEC WEEKEND?

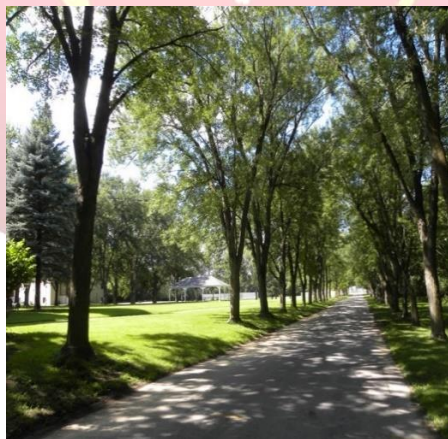
**On a Christian Encounter Christ Weekend (CEC) weekend** you will join others in song, prayer and discussion. The discussion is centered on eleven talks given by laity and clergy which help you to know, to love and to serve God. The talks present the theme of God's grace in you, how this grace comes more alive in a Christian community, and how to share this grace with others.

**There is also daily celebration of Mass.** This is not a quiet retreat experience, but a lively, joyous Spirit-filled opportunity for you to allow Jesus to work to work in your life, see and experience Him in the lives around you, and learn practices and a method of perseverance to keep Him in your life and bring Him to others through your Christian leadership.

**CEC weekends are held at the St. Columban Retreat Center, 1902 Calhoun St., Bellevue, NE 68056.** It is a peaceful and quiet getaway located in the heart of Bellevue, NE on the Columban Fathers grounds.

**Spacious private parking area, 30 acres of natural revelation ...** tree-lined roadways, large open fields and a beautiful walking path down to a private grotto. Deer, turkeys, and other animal habitat often roam property.

**A beautiful 20'x40' pavilion was added in 2014** and is also available for our retreat. More information at: <https://columban.org/retreat-house/>



**Three floors accommodate up to 48 overnight guests.** Stairs to all floors and ground-level handicap entrance on the west-side of the retreat building.

**The main 1<sup>st</sup> floor has a Dining Hall, Catering Kitchen & Large meeting room with (2) three-quarter restrooms plus 3 bedrooms for an addl. 4 guests.**

**Each floor has own controllable thermostat with emergency exits.** The main floor is also a tornado shelter. Free Wifi is available.

**CEC has access to use the Chapel and the Conference Room (aka Lounge) in the Priest's residence during our weekends.**

**The cost to make a CEC weekend is \$150 per person** which includes lodging, food and materials. This fee can be paid via cash or check on Friday of the weekend upon arrival.

**Inset map (below) of St. Columban Retreat Center  
1902 Calhoun St., Bellevue, NE 68056**

