

# The Benedictine Fellowship of Saint Laurence

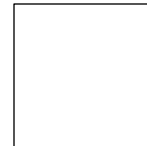
The Benedictine Fellowship of Saint Laurence is a non-profit independent corporation established for religious and charitable purposes.

The Fellowship was established to promote spiritual renewal and worship according to the traditions of Orthodox Catholic Christianity, incorporating the Rule of Saint Benedict; combining prayer, contemplation, and work.



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# Saint Laurence Retreat Campus

Fremont County, Colorado



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### The wilderness setting at Tallahassee Creek

presents a sublime advantage to the pilgrim who is seeking a refuge of prayer and closeness to the heart of God. We are reminded by St.

Theophan the Recluse that there are three worlds of our experience.

First, we experience the artificial world of human society with its rules and conventions and assumptions of power and privilege and stifling banality for the most part.

Second, there is to found the world of unspoiled nature where the majesty of God's Creation impresses the soul with wonder and, God helping, a certain humility at the magnitude of the earth ad sky and heavens.

Finally, there is the Church wherein the impulses of wonder and hope and faith are realized, with repentance, in the act of worshipful thanksgiving.

And so the pilgrim is, by God's help, moved from illusion to reality in a turning the heart to God. The form of retreats at St. Laurence follow this outline in emphasis on quiet and prayer and edifying talks and spiritual reading of the sort well known to readers of St. Benedict's *Rule* and who consult the *Monastic Breviary Matins*.

-Fr. John Connely,  
Director of Benedictine Fellowship of  
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The Chapel at Saint Laurence was completed in 2009 and blessed by the presence and prayers of Bishop Basil. An inaugural SOYO Teen retreat was held in August 2009.

The campus is located 30 miles northwest of Canon City in a pristine and secluded mountain valley in southern Colorado. It's Italianate chapel is an unlikely apparition as you round the last bend in the long road to the main grounds, hidden and spectacular. The Lodge is a roomy, warm and homey gathering place in the rustic mountain tradition. There are 500 plus acres of pine forest, creek valley, meadows and rocky outcrops surrounded by thousands more acres of accessible government-owned land. Wildlife is prolific and includes wild turkey, deer, elk, bobcats, humming birds and the occasional black bear. Tallahassee Creek runs year-round down the middle of the property and supports a modest population of trout.

We are developing a schedule of retreats for 2010. The calendar will incorporate retreats planned by the Fellowship and also have a limited number of dates available for use by parishes and private groups. The retreat center can accommodate up to 50 guests for overnight stays.

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