

# MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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## Reflection

*As life becomes harder and more threatening, it also becomes richer, because the fewer expectations we have, the more good things of life become unexpected gifts that we accept with gratitude.*

EttyHillesum  
Holocaust Victim

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## Jane Smith Retires



On March 31<sup>st</sup>, Jane Smith celebrated her retirement at lunch with the Brothers at Columba Hall and with a party at the Administrative Office.

Jane has been with the province since August, 1999. She has handled almost every aspect of our day to day operations at some point during her 16+ year tenure. In recent years, Jane has been the “go to” person handling medical bills, Medicaid, health insurance related issues, and other government

program compliance. Jane has assisted many Brothers directly with her work behind the scene (or more aptly computer screen). I am thankful that Jane will continue to serve the Brothers by working on a limited basis focused solely on healthcare issues. Beginning in April, after some well-deserved time away for rest and relaxation, Jane will be working a few hours each week. Her office phone will continue to be active and any insurance related questions can be left for her.

With this change in the number of personnel working in the Business Office, we will alter our hours slightly. The Business Office will have someone available between 8 am and 3:30 pm Monday through Friday.



**Jane and husband Frank  
Brother André plaque**



**Jane Smith with Retirement Card and surrounded by Brothers Michael, Edward, and Donald at lunch, Columba Hall**



**With Brother André Plaque Administrative Office Area**

## Goode Smile from Ghana Brightens Ohio Schools

On his second of three extended visits to Northeast Ohio Holy Cross schools, Br. Kenneth Goode, C.S.C., came to Gilmour Academy in March to continue gathering experiences in preparation for his role as Business Manager at the brand-new Saint Br. Andre High School, currently under construction in Kasoa (near Accra), Ghana, West Africa.



**Br. Kenneth Goode, C.S.C., is hosted by Gilmour Academy Head of School, Kathleen Kenny, in the Academy's Br. Richard Keller Commons.**

“There is a lot to love about America and its high schools,” commented Br. Kenneth as he arrived from Lakewood St. Edward. At St. Ed’s, with marketing director K.C. McKenna, he discovered the power



**Mrs. Cyndi Smith introduces skating to Br. Ken**

within a school community that strives to live the slogan “You Belong Here“ when welcoming prospective students. “You have a beautiful country by all standards. I could go on and on.”

Ken was born in Bolgatanga, (northern) Ghana and lived most of his youth in Berekum (mid-Ghana). His father, Mr. Anthony J. Goode, was, in Ken’s terms, “an educationist” who was often transferred by the government to various places in Ghana, and his mother, Mrs. Hellen Ama Goode, was a trader. As the fifth of seven children, he expressed gratitude in saying “my parents did all in their power to give us the best of Christian education, and they provided for our basic needs. During his childhood, the prospect of entering the seminary and studying for the priesthood loomed large in Ken’s mind. His father had been educated at St. John’s in Sekondi, and so Dad wanted his son to also attend. It was during Ken’s three years at St.

John's that he met Brother William Gates and became intrigued by Holy Cross Community life. "I saw this wonderful family of Holy Cross. ... So I wrote to the Brothers in December of 1997, and luckily for me in January of 1998 I was invited to attend a short formation program and the result today is Br. Emmanuel-Kenneth Goode."



**Br. Ken with student in seventh grade English**

Br. Kenneth has led an interesting life as a Brother. He is a trained accountant, and has been a teacher across the entire spectrum from early childhood through high school to the university level. He served in Holy Cross formation as a recruiter for vocations.

He was a vocations director for nine years, as well as the Diocesan Youth Chaplain for the Catholic Diocese of Sunyani. In the Youth Office, he served as Chaplain for high school students in both Catholic and non-Catholic schools. In 2015 he completed his studies for the MBA at Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology.

Br. Kenneth has had the opportunity while visiting students in our American classrooms to give them his unique perspective on African needs. His family did not have clean, potable water readily available at home. Often, Ken and his siblings (four boys, three girls) had to fetch good water for the family as one of their regular chores.

As a classroom guest speaker, Br. Ken has referred our students to the Superbowl toothpaste ad that referred to saving water while you brush instead of allowing it to continue flowing. "Know that water shortages and outages are common in Africa. He who brings water brings life." He taught students to use the Ghanaian words for welcome ("akwaaba") and thank you ("medase").

Br. Ken Goode has also impressed American students with his passion for sports, although some American sports are completely new to him (tennis, ice hockey). He travelled with the Gilmour Academy Girls' Hockey team to both Buffalo and Columbus for tournaments and was invited to sit at the bench with Coach Rick Filighera. "We'll miss you" was, in effect, written all over on the engraved hockey puck Br. Kenneth received from the girls. While at St. Edward and Gilmour, Br.

Ken came to appreciate the developments taking place in technology, both through the IT departments and with the robotics teams.

Next, Brother Kenneth Goode and his colleagues (Brother Augustus Mensah and Brother Aristide Biney) will spend some time at the University of Notre Dame

(Holy Week), and at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas (Holy Cross Institute). They will rotate again so that each will have spent time at all three of the Northeast Ohio C.S.C. schools in Akron, Lakewood, and Gates Mills. Then it will be time to move on to their brand new high school in Ghana as summer arrives.

“We’ll miss you,” too, Br. Ken Goode!

“Akwaaba” and “medase” from your new friends in the States.



**Gilmour's Hockey Girls gather with "Coach" Br. Ken Goode**

## Prayer Request



Please remember in your prayer Kenneth Peters who died April 1, 2016 (age 90). He and his wife Ellie were members of the Midwest Holy Cross Associates, Holy Cross Village Chapter, and members of Br. Carl Sternberg's Centering Prayer group.

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