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TEACHERS OF THE WEEK Week of February 29



Five At Eagles'
Nest Nominated for
Hegarty Excellence
in Teaching Award

**Mrs. Jolene Gennaro, Mrs. Erin Schilf, Mr. Garrett McPartland,
Mr. Chris Abraham '08, Br. Dennis Bednarz, CSC**

On Monday, February 29, the St. Edward Chapter of the National Honor Society announced the nominees for this year's **Br. Marjella Hegarty, CSC, Excellence in Teaching Award.**

Congratulations to Mrs. Jolene Gennaro, Mrs. Erin Schilf, Mr. Garrett McPartland, Mr. Chris Abraham '08, and **Br. Dennis Bednarz, CSC.** for being nominated for this year's award.

Each year, members of the St. Edward High School Chapter of the National Honor Society nominate teachers who most exemplify excellence in the classroom. This year, twenty-seven St. Edward teachers received at least one nomination for the award.

The winner will be recognized at the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony in April.

Congratulations to all of this year's nominees!

One of Three from Ghana – a Timely Gilmour Update

March, 2016 -- It is without question a long way from the coast of Ghana to northeast Ohio! **Brother Augustus Mensah** came to Gilmour Academy as one of three Ghanaian Brothers (including Aristide Biney and Kenneth Goode) to spend the spring semester in the States experiencing the Holy Cross schools here. They have been “taking turns” six weeks at a time residing at Gilmour, Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron, and St. Edward High School in Lakewood.

Augustus was born of Mr. Peter Mensah and Mrs. Juliana Eshun Mensah in the Shama area near Sekondi-Takoradi where, as a boy, he spent many days with the folks along the Shama seacoast. As a young man in this region near Sekondi-Takoradi, Augustus Mensah was known more familiarly as “Papa Enimil.” Active as an altar boy and serving in the Mission House in Shama, Augustus Mensah often visited his grandparents and provided services to them when in elementary school.

“I first met the Brothers while studying at the Teacher Training College in 1999,” Augustus relates. “Brothers Michael Amakyi and Daniel Dardoe were among the first Brothers I met.” It was not until about five years later that Augustus awoke to the idea of becoming a Brother himself, beginning his formation in October of 2004.



Brother Augustus Mensah, C.S.C.
Photo by Matt Lobe



Br. Augustus and religion instructor Mrs. Kathryn Petros

While chatting with us in Holy Cross House on the Gilmour campus, Br. Augustus said he earned his bachelor’s degree from Christ the Teacher Institute in Nairobi, Kenya. Recently tapped to provide the administrative core for the brand new “St. Brother Andre Bessette High School” near Accra, Augustus and his colleagues have been earnestly preparing themselves for the tasks ahead.

“I have really enjoyed being at Gilmour this month” commented Brother Augustus. “As a school, I found Gilmour to be a welcoming place at every level in

ways that go beyond hospitality. The students and adults in this community show a warm openness, honesty, and humility that is truly impressive.”

During his visit with us on the Gilmour campus, Augustus noted the many ways Gilmour students provide service to the poor and marginalized, including the food drives at holidays and the school trips to hospitals and food kitchens.

As part of his experience of life in the United States, Augustus joined social studies teacher and department chair Matthew Lindley and his class in Constitutional Law for a tour of Washington DC prior to moving on to visit Hoban.

“This was an amazing, exciting trip! It really captured more of the reality of America for me. We entered the Supreme Court and heard part of a case. We visited the Senate chambers and heard some of the arguments. We saw the White House, the Library of Congress, and many other American sites. I feel so grateful to Matthew Lindley and Gilmour for being able to include me in this experience.

I hope Aristide, Kenneth, and I can return to Ghana to begin creating a new high school that may one day serve the community of Accra like the Holy Cross schools here in Ohio.”

We wish you the best, Brother Augustus, as you move on to your new ministry in Ghana.



Br. Augustus engages a sophomore religion class at Kathryn Petros' invitation to discuss the history of the Church in Ghana.

Gilmour Academy Trip to Washington, D.C.



From Weekly GA Parent eNewsletter Week of February 29 – March 4

Thanks to the generous support of Frank Potenziani and the M&T Trust, Mr. Matt Lindley's Constitutional Law class traveled to Washington, DC, earlier this week. While there, the group visited the National Archives, where they were able to see the original Declaration of Independence and the Constitution; went to the Smithsonian Museum of American History; met with Jack Dolan '11, a Senator Portman aide (the group was supposed to meet with the senator as well, but he was sick); toured the monuments at night; sat in on a Supreme Court hearing; visited the Library of Congress; met with Congressman Dave Joyce and his deputy chief of staff and communications director Kevin Benacci '05; toured the Capitol Building; did a walking tour about the Lincoln assassination; and visited the Newseum. The students were accompanied by Mr. Matt Lindley; Ms. Cynthia Fidanza; and **Br. Augustus Mensah, CSC**, our guest from Ghana, who enjoyed his first visit to DC.

Reflection



"Because you are important, everything you do is important. Every time you forgive, the universe changes; every time you reach out and touch a heart or a life, the world changes; with every kindness and service, seen or unseen...nothing will ever be the same again."

Wm Paul Young

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Holy Cross Children's Services Auction



Brothers Francis Boylan (left) and Joseph Fox help in presenting this remodeled Corvette up for auction. Francis is the executive director for Holy Cross Children's Services for which funds are being raised.



Lenten Lecture Series – 2016

**Wednesday Evenings: 7-8 PM
Geenan Hall**

March 9
CSC

Brother John Paige,

“Eleazar: Martyr and Model in the Battle with Subtle Temptation” (2 Maccabees 6: 18-31)

Brother John Paige, CSC, a native of Albany, NY, is currently in his fourth year of service as president of Holy Cross College at Notre Dame, Indiana. Brother John has worked with youth and young adults as a teacher, coach, and administrator in secondary schools; as a college professor and administrator in higher education institutions in the USA and East Africa; as a formator of young religious in the Congregation of Holy Cross, and as a member of the General Administration of the Congregation. He resides at the St. Joseph House Formation Community on the Holy Cross College campus.

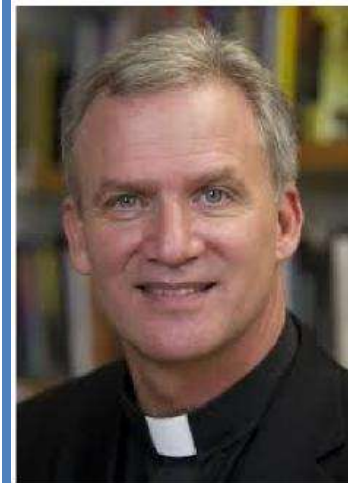


March 16

Father Dan Groody, CSC

“Migration Year of Mercy and Pope Francis”

Daniel Groody has built his reputation in the area of immigration and international migration over the past 20 years. In doing so, he has had the opportunity to speak at universities around the world while still teaching courses in theology at the University of Notre Dame. He has also been recognized for his professional experience and fellowships and is an award winning author and film producer.



Identity and Mission of the Religious Brother in the Church



In preparation for the summer gathering, you may wish to read this Vatican document. Either click on the link below or copy and paste it in the URL address box.

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