

# MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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## GILMOUR ACADEMY

Starting in pre-school and from kindergarten through grade 12, students are encouraged to use their own unique talents and gifts to become informed, aware, and active citizens dedicated to doing justice and living the Gospel as they continue on their journey of faith.



Those in Montessori through Grade 6 work on projects that are integrated into the curriculum. These service learning experiences provide a means for young people to learn and develop through active participation in organized service experiences. They are designed to increase social awareness and encourage social responsibility.

The service program seeks to develop students who are passionate about and compassionate toward the world that surrounds them. Montessori, Kindergarten and Grade 1 focus on ministry to children. The focus in Grade 2 is ministry to the elderly.

The ministry focus in Grade 3 is the hungry. Grade 4 focuses on the sick. Grades 5 and 6 work on ministry to the poor, marginalized and suffering. Grade 7 students monthly tutor students at other schools. Each month Grade 8 students visit the elderly at various local nursing homes. Freshmen (Grade 9) are required to help at the Cleveland Food Bank. Grades 10, 11, & 12 focus on ministry to the poor, marginalized and suffering and are required to complete 60 hours of Christian service at an approved agency at the suggested rate of 20 hours a year.

Other programs include **Urban Plunge** whereby each junior is required to spend a day with a Catholic Worker and their teacher visiting agencies and becoming aware of the importance of the need for systemic change in the community. Juniors and seniors are invited to participate in a **Mission Trip** to Honduras or to Austin, Texas or to spend a week with the area Catholic Worker Community. The **Thanksgiving Food Drive**, in which all students participate, feeds over 300 families per year. Gilmour Academy has a partnership program with **St. Adalbert**, an inner city Cleveland school, in which students and faculty work with them

throughout the school year and also in the summer. This effort involves tutoring and other learning programs. The Lower School Service Club provides meals for the homeless at the **West Side Catholic Center** and the Upper School provides funds for their programs.

Throughout the curriculum social justice themes are interwoven. Courses specifically focusing on some of these issues would include **Rebuilding Cleveland: Public Policy and the Option for the Poor**. This course, offered by the Social Studies Department in conjunction with the Religious Studies Department, seeks to answer the question of what must be done in the next 20 years to help Cleveland get back



on its feet. It revolves around experiential, service based learning, immersion in the local community and networking. **Crossing Borders in the Information Age** transcends the cultural boundaries of race, ethnicity, gender and language and examines issues such as human rights, environmentalism, and information in the digital age. Junior Religion focusing on **Morality** fosters an environment where students can come “To develop the competence to see and the courage to act in creating a more humane and just society.” Students research a particular justice issue as an individual and a member of a group and construct a case study that applies one’s understanding of the issue and principles of Catholic Social Teaching to the Greater Cleveland community.

Gilmour Academy Link: <http://www.gilmour.org/>

## Novena of Thanksgiving Begins Thursday

This is just a reminder that the Novena of Thanksgiving to St. Joseph for the announcement of the canonization date (October 17, 2010) begins Thursday. The novena is on the Brothers’ Website. It may be printed out as a pdf document at the address below.

<http://www.brothersofholycross.com/Andre/Andre.htm>

View Pictures of St. Joseph on the home page slideshow:

<http://www.brothersofholycross.com/>

## Week 4 – Lenten Series Talk 2010

Andre Place Great Room  
Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame  
Each Wednesday of Lent at 7:00 p.m.

Brother Carlos had made a switch with Father Bill Simmons

March 3 to March 10

### Welcoming the Stranger



Br. Carlos Parrilla, CSC

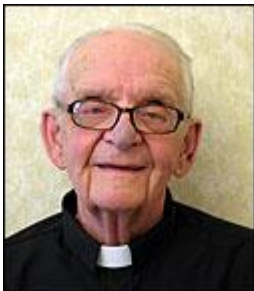
Based on the statement by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, this workshop addresses the issues of migration then and now, who are the immigrants and the discrimination they face, and what is to be our Christian response. The workshop also talks of how the Church is rejuvenated and enriched by its immigrants.

Brother Carlos Luis Parrilla, CSC holds a B.A. degree from St. Edward's University in Austin, TX and an M.A. degree from the University of Notre Dame. Over the years he has taught Spanish, French, and English in South Bend and in the Ohio schools sponsored by the Congregation of Holy Cross. He has also served in parish ministry and youth ministry in the Diocese of Cleveland as well a vocation ministry for the Midwest Province. Most recently, Brother Carlos served as the Director of Hispanic Ministry for the Diocese of Charleston, SC, until his reappointment as Vocation Director.

Due to a switch, Father Bill Simmons gave his talk on March 3

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### Daily Transformation



Rev. William Simmons, CSC

We are all called to transform spoken truth into the beauty of our own lives.

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