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**Gilmour Warms to Bishop Nelson Perez  
in Founder's Week Prelude  
Gates Mills, Ohio, September 7, 2018**



At an opening-of-school-year Mass for 800 students and guests, Gilmour Academy celebrated both the “Seven Sorrows of Mary” and its own seventy-year heritage by welcoming Bishop Nelson Perez of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. “He was wonderful with the children,” was the remark echoed throughout the community.

Typically, the floor of the new Lancer Gym is only covered when it is time for graduation in the late spring. “But when the bishop comes to school that is a very special occasion,” said Head of School, Kathleen Kenny. “We wanted him to feel especially welcomed.”

Bishop Perez lost no time in engaging students, including some of the very youngest, who were quick to point out that what they loved most about Gilmour was “the food!” He supported their eventual conclusion that a place like Gilmour develops “the mind and the soul” as well.

Under the guidance of their teachers, students in the Lower School showed their awareness of Gilmour's mission, to "develop the competence to see and the courage to act" by several service activities that week. These included writing support letters to a recent graduate attending West Point, preparing packets of toiletries for the homeless, and making blankets for the humane society.

"Instructors gave age-appropriate explanations to the students about the persons being helped and what some of the reasons may be for persons living in such situations," commented Headmaster Emeritus, Brother Robert Lavelle. "This experience referenced well the call of our Holy Cross and Gilmour mission of outreach to others having little resources."



Over fifty students participated in the festivities surrounding the Mass, some as servers, choir members and musicians, others as banner-bearers and ushers. For another view of this occasion, note the article from the Diocesan office at the following link:

<http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/gilmour-founders-week-kicks-off-with-bishops-visit-mass/>

### **Fr. John Blazek '58, C.S.C.**

Gilmour Academy, a Catholic school in the Holy Cross tradition, educates the hearts and minds of our students to have the competence to see and the courage to act in creating a more humane and just society.

## Reflection

Conversation is an exchange of gifts. Native American tribal wisdom teaches that when you encounter a person on your life path, you must seek to find out what gifts you have for one another so that you may exchange them before going your separate ways. This seems true even of daily encounters with those we know well. We come into one another's presence bearing whatever harvest of experience the day has offered, and we foster relationships by making a gift of what we have received.

— Marilyn Chandler McEntyre



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