

Akhi, the beggar sage, sits at the city gates, instructing all in the dance of life.

Ask Akhi...



Dear Akhi,

Was that you I saw by the city gate the other day? You seemed so joyful. I guess I expected to see a more somber, depressed look on your face. Sorry if I missed you.

-- Passer-by

Dear Passer-by,

I don't know if it was I you saw or not, because I don't know if it was you I saw. I see so many, and I try to greet them all with a look of hospitality. But there are some who, as soon as our eyes meet, look away. It is as if they spied a thief. How foolish of them.

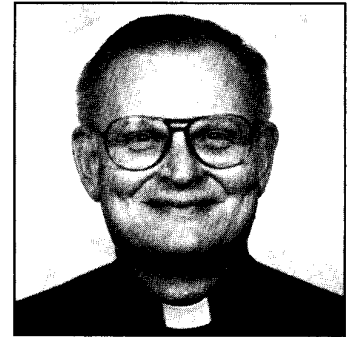
I know it is difficult for visitors to my city to part with their coins, so I smile at them. I want them to be cheerful so they are more likely to dance. So it could very well have been my joyful face you saw. I hope it was. My joy is all I have to give, so I give it gladly.

My friend, perhaps the next time you go to find me among the poor, you should expect nothing but what you find. That way, you won't miss me again and, perhaps, we will exchange more than a glance.

Akhi

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Spotlight On: Fr. John Blazek, CSC (new board member)



Occupation: Campus minister at Gilmour Academy

Birthday: May 9

Home: Originally from the Cleveland area, now lives at Gilmour Academy in Gates Mills.

Family: The community of the Brothers of Holy Cross; mother, who lives in Brecksville, and two sisters, one in Old Brooklyn and one in Seymour, Ind.

Favorite movies: "Schindlers List" and "any western that I can get my hands on."

Favorite authors: Thomas Moore (Care of the Soul) and Laura Beth Jones (Jesus, CEO and Jesus in Blue Jeans.)

Hobbies: Caring for tropical fish. He has a 90 gallon marine aquarium as well as fresh water tanks. "You sit down at night and watch them; it's like being in heaven." Father John has also been a member of the cast of the passion play *Tetelestai* for five years and has been its spiritual director for six years. This year he will play the part of John the apostle.

Best thing about working with BS — "One of the things that's always amazed me about the ministry of Beacon Street is how it speaks to the soul of the person almost without them knowing it."

Favorite Scripture passage: (Isaiah 11: 6) "Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them."