



OUR RETIRED BROTHERS NEED YOUR HELP THIS CHRISTMAS.

Please Give Generously!



Dear Friend of the Xaverian Brothers,

*A*s the Christmas season approaches, our hearts swell with gratitude, reflection, and the powerful spirit of giving. It's a special time when we fondly remember those who have profoundly shaped our lives, and for so many of us, that includes the dedicated Xaverian Brothers who touched our hearts and minds during our school years. We, Brothers, especially those of us who have retired, cherish those bonds and memories just as much as you do, holding each of you in our thoughts and prayers.

Our Xaverian charism calls us to be a vibrant family in Christ, supporting one another with boundless love and kindness, especially our elder members. **This Christmas, we invite you to embrace this beautiful spirit by offering a truly extraordinary gift—a gift of profound comfort and dignity for our retired and infirmed Brothers.**

Currently, we are blessed with 45 Xaverian Brothers who continue to inspire us in their retirement. Some reside in our community houses, others at Xaverian House—our dedicated retirement home in Danvers, MA, and several at Treyton Oak Towers in Louisville, KY, or in advanced care facilities. While their active ministries may have transitioned, their spiritual and community life flourishes, embodying the grace of “allowing our lives to be formed by the common, ordinary, unspectacular flow of everyday life.”



Left to right: Brothers Jim Connolly, Dan Lynch, Tim Hoey, Bob Green, and Ron Santoro.

Imagine Brother Ward O'Connell, a resident at Treyton Oak Towers, whose days are filled with profound joy in the daily routine. He shares, "My favorite part of the day as a retired Brother is going to the Treyton Oak Towers chapel to share prayer with the other Brothers who reside here and to participate in Mass and Communion Services with the other Catholic women and men who live in this retirement community." He openly acknowledges the natural challenges of aging, such as "accepting the limits that come with aging as balance, hearing loss and remembering to take my medications at the proper time of the day," yet he radiates an infectious positivity, emphasizing the abundant opportunities to stay healthy and engaged.

As Brother Ward joyfully recounts, "I can take part in the exercise programs, select from a menu of healthy and delicious meals, attend video presentations of plays and operas, learn about the lives of the many talented women and men who are residents of Treyton Oak Towers and the opportunity I have to tell them about the life of a Xaverian Brother."

Your gift directly impacts the lives of Brothers like Ward, ensuring they have the vital resources and compassionate care to live each day fully and with the dignity they so richly deserve.



Left: Brother Ward O'Connell teaching in the 70's. Right: Brother Ward O'Connell with XBSS Campus Ministers Ryan Slattery and Michael Stromberg.

The cost of providing care and comfort at Xaverian House and Treyton Oak Towers alone is around \$5,000 per month for each Brother. Your thoughtful Christmas gift will create an immediate and profound difference in their lives, helping to offset these significant costs. Imagine the profound peace of mind your generosity will bring, ensuring our Brothers receive the exceptional care and loving support they so richly deserve.

This Christmas, as you celebrate with loved ones, please consider making a truly meaningful donation to our retired Brothers. Your gift is so much more than a contribution; it is a heartfelt expression of deep gratitude, a powerful testament to the vibrant Xaverian charism, and a profound way to uphold our unwavering commitment to those who have given so much of themselves. Every single gift, no matter the size, truly makes an immense difference.

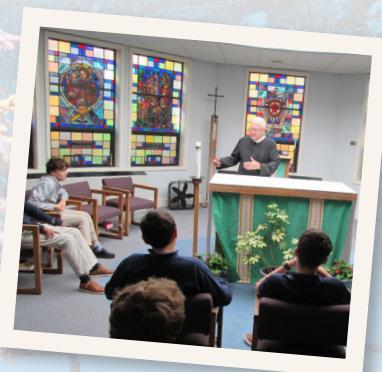
You, our cherished extended Xaverian family, hold an incredibly special place in our hearts and prayers. May this Christmas season fill your home with an abundance of joy, peace, and the overflowing blessings of God.

Yours in Christ,

Brother John D. Hamilton, C.F.X.

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General Superior

P.S. This Christmas, your generosity will beautifully honor the lifelong dedication of our Brothers and the enduring, inspiring legacy of a Xaverian education. Please give generously today and make a real, lasting difference in the lives of these faithful men.



Brother Bob Green spoke to 7th graders from St. John's Prep in the chapel at Xaverian House during their fall visit.