

# XAVERIAN BROTHERS

IN HARMONY SMALL THINGS GROW

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*Brother Cornelius Hubbuch, though a “senior” Brother by age, is enjoying the benefits of the facility at Ryken House, Louisville, and remains active in a variety of ways of service.*

## DEAR FRIEND,

Every year I express my gratitude for your prayers and generous support of our “senior” Brothers who formed my vocation as a Brother. Pope Francis dedicated the year 2015 to the promotion of religious life. “Wake up the world” is what he asked religious sisters, brothers and priests to do. Wake up the world is exactly what Brother Cornelius Hubbuch (formerly Brother De Montfort) has been doing for the past sixty-five years as a Xaverian Brother.

Students who had Brother De Montfort know that he woke up their world by his wholehearted dedication to their learning. His enthusiasm, joy, positive attitude and happiness were contagious. Brother Cornelius woke his students to the world of knowledge whether it was in an English, Latin or religion class. Cornelius transmitted to his students the desire to learn and to develop their talents. He awoke in his students the desire to make a difference in our world. Personally, his influence on me was great. I am confident my classmates would say the same.

“Wake up the world!” The Brothers who taught him at Saint Xavier High School in Louisville in the early 1950’s

woke Cornelius up to a whole new world. He says about his high school years, “What impressed me was the way the Brothers established such a caring and supportive community, men committed to God and committed to bringing out the best in each student.” You probably know some of these men: James McCarthy (Howard), Peter Fitzpatrick (Benedict), Jim Smith (Omer), and John Hart (Capistran), to name a few. They awoke in Cornelius a deep desire to follow in Jesus’ footsteps.



*One of the best parts of Brother Cornie’s week is the time he spends volunteering and working with young people.*

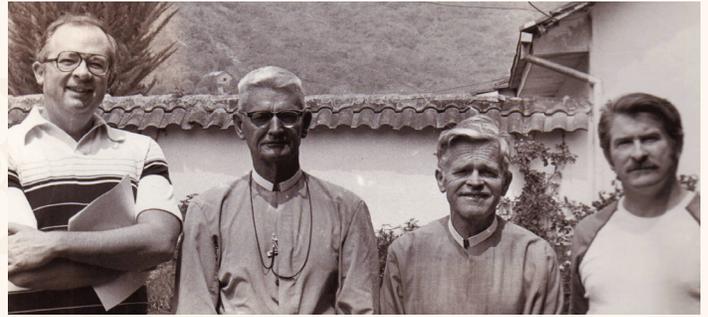
Brother Cornelius served in many ministries over the years. “All my ministries were an invitation to service... They taught me to use my gifts and the talents God gave me to help others, especially by assisting others to see the good in themselves and to know that God loves them.” Brother served as a teacher and administrator at Xaverian High School in Brooklyn and Ryken High School in Leonardtown, Maryland. His gifts for leadership—ability to listen, to organize, to relate, involve others in mission—were recognized early. Brother served in Congregational leadership for 18 years. He was a co-director of the Institute of Spirituality and Worship at the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, CA, spiritual director at Southdown Renewal Center in Canada, Formation Director for our Sponsored Schools, and Director of the Congregation’s Program for the Protection of Young People.

Xaverian spirituality integrates one’s prayer life and one’s participation in community with loving service to others. “Establishing community with others is part of being a Christian and is essential to religious life. Even when we are retired from full time ministry because of age and health, we remain committed to prayer, community life and volunteer service if we are able.” Brother Cornelius remains very active ministering to disadvantaged children, visiting seniors in nursing homes, doing spiritual direction, coordinating the Xaverian Associate Program in Louisville and leading discussion with his many nieces and nephews on spiritual topics.

Brother Cornelius describes his mission in retirement in this way, “My first sense of mission is to love the Brothers I am living with by showing them care, especially in listening to them and respecting them. My second sense of mission



*‘I continue to experience great freedom and support of the community in living the counter-cultural values of the Gospel in the spirit of the Xaverian Brothers.’*



*Brother Cornelius (far left) on a visit to the Brothers’ mission in Bolivia, with missionaries Brother Nilus and Brother Hugo, accompanied by Brother Richard Murphy.*

is to respond to the numerous outside volunteer ministries by showing God’s healing touch of care and love.”

Brother Cornelius is wide awake. He continues to “wake up the world” with the same enthusiasm, joy, positive attitude and happiness I first experienced in him in 1960.

When asked what he hopes others see his life standing for, Cornelius quotes a former student:

***“You are my teacher; you teach me about life through your example that I may teach myself. You have seen me at my best and at my worst. Still, you never deserted me ... Your tolerance, understanding and support have made me see what I sometimes felt no longer there. You have helped me believe in myself again. This is a priceless gift, and I thank you for it.”***

This is my last letter to you as General Superior. I want to extend my warmest appreciation for your relationship with the Xaverian Brothers and my sincerest gratitude for your generous support of our mission and life. I have been privileged to get to know many of you. You will be in my prayers. May I thank you in advance for your continued support? Your gift makes a real difference to our Brothers.

In Christ,

*Edward Driscoll, CFX*

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General Superior