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Brothers outside of Xaverian House in Danvers, MA, wave to a 125-car procession of students, teachers, and faculty from St. John's Prep and Malden Catholic on April 21.

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MISSION THRIVES AMID CHANGE



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Dear Friends,

During the coronavirus pandemic our world has changed requiring all of us to make adjustments in how we live and work. Some of these changes and the uncertainty of the future can cause anxiety. Measures have been implemented to keep us safe from the virus including closing of schools, churches, and workplaces. Throughout this ordeal we are learning new ways to communicate and connect virtually while maintaining social distancing. I am impressed with the creativity and resilience of the Xaverian community, Brothers, Associates, Partners in Mission, and the XBSS network, to overcome obstacles and buoy one another's confidence. There is a renewed focus on what really matters: our mission as a Xaverian community "called to be of one heart and one mind so that we can participate in the building up of the kingdom of God." Consequently, there is a tremendous outpouring of care and concern, a genuine solidarity, and new ways of service.

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At the Generalate Offices in Baltimore our staff has been working remotely from their homes to continue our services. In our retirement communities, Xaverian House and Ryken House, strict guidelines have been implemented to keep the Brothers safe, so no visitors are allowed. All our sponsored schools in the US, Europe, Africa and Haiti have been closed down yet online and distance learning are flourishing. The international Xaverian network has come together, through Zoom, in prayer. This show of unity was a great support and a reminder to go beyond ourselves and become a healing presence in our communities and families. Some of the many ways the Brothers and our schools have developed to stay connected, to experience community, and to do service are found in the articles that follow. Our mission continues to thrive amidst change brought on by the pandemic. Now more than ever, we rely on one another and our faith. Easter helps us understand that God is with us no matter the circumstances of our lives. I invite you to join in our mission so that you too may experience God's closeness during these unprecedented days.

The international Xaverian community thanks you for your prayers and financial support. Your generosity makes us more humble and deeply grateful. In a recent homily about life after Covid-19, Pope Francis "expresses the hope that, in the light of the Resurrection, we would encounter the necessary antibodies of justice and solidarity" to build "a civilization of love and hope." This new community will require all of us to make a commitment to service, to sharing our gifts with one another. Be assured of the prayers of the entire Xaverian community for your health and your family's. Please pray for us.

God Bless you,

Brother Daniel

Brother Daniel Skala, CFX, General Superior



A screenshot from the April 1 international Zoom Prayer Service.

Tom Kerrigan

PRAYER AND SOLIDARITY AMID COVID-19 PANDEMIC

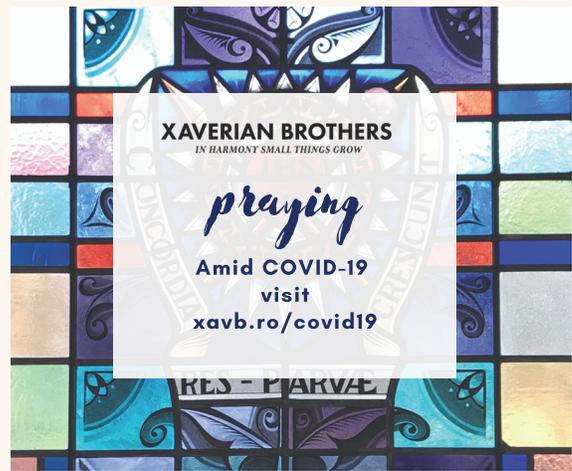
Josh Kinney | Director of Communications

In a powerful display of unity, over 100 Xaverian Brothers, Associates, faculty members, school administrators, retirees, former Brothers and partners in mission from across the world, from Belgium to The Congo, Rome to the U.S., gathered virtually via Zoom on Wednesday, April 1, 2020, for an international prayer service for all affected by the Covid-19 crisis. Engaging community, even in the midst of separation, is what the Xaverian Brothers network offers the world, especially in a time in which people are seeking a connection to community more than ever. The service connected folks in new ways, despite the pandemic, they were grateful for a unique opportunity. The text from the service, entitled “A Prayer During Times of Uncertainty” was posted online and shared widely and included thoughtful questions for reflection and discussion.

“Although I was unable to participate, except through my prayers, it is a true tribute to the Xaverian Brothers, that this world-wide communication sent the message that the Brothers are in the forefront of addressing the horrors of the Coronavirus,” commented Brother Clement

Kowalchuk, retired educator at Xaverian High School in Brooklyn who now resides at Xaverian House, Danvers.

“God of mercy, during these days of the pandemic, we come to you with hope,” read the service’s closing. “Ease our anxieties, calm our fears, and help us to trust in your loving care for all your creation. Challenge us to remember to read the signs of the times so that we might discover anew our ministry in the world and our call to serve You.”



PROGRAM PRESSES ON

Brother Daniel Ouma Owidhi Ssenyomo

ROME - Fourteen temporary professed Brothers who will be making a perpetual commitment as Brothers of the Sacred Heart and Xaverian Brothers came together to begin their four-month Program in Preparation for Perpetual Profession on January 13 at the Generalate of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart in Rome. Two Xaverian Brothers, Brother Jean-Paul wa Ngoy Mbayo from The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Brother Daniel Ouma Owidhi Ssenyomo of Kenya, joined 12 Brothers of the Sacred Heart. As the staff of the Rome Spirituality Institute welcomed them, little did they expect the coming months

to be unlike anything the world had previously experienced.

For several weeks, Italy was the worldwide epicenter of the Coronavirus Pandemic. On March 9, the Italian Prime Minister announced a national quarantine. Since then, no one has left the property except for medicine and groceries.

Fortunately, all are well, and the group prays daily for each other’s well-being. As a community whose members represent five continents, they are constantly called to be aware of the trials and suffering of the world. They pray, in word and deed, that God delivers the world from the pandemic, but also that they heed the message this present suffering holds for all.



XBSS STAY CONNECTED, FOCUS ON MISSION AMID COVID-19



Saint Bernard Freshman Katelyn Geren sews masks for local hospitals, nursing homes, and organizations in need. "I've fallen into a good routine with online school," she said. "So, I've had a bit of time and figured I could be useful."

Josh Kinney | Director of Communications

School leadership, faculty and staff of XBSS courageously and competently moved into online learning when schools closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Even more, the schools seized the moment, developing ways to keep students and families connected and engaged in their school's mission rooted in the tradition of the Xaverian Brothers. These measures reassured students and families while providing the structure necessary for a seamless transition to the new reality of learning and community.

Creativity was put to the test, resulting in a new connectedness

otherwise not known. From virtual cooking to virtual spirit week, online prayers and daily announcements, digital Stations of the Cross, students sharing photos of staying active, to sewing masks for local hospitals, nursing homes, and organizations in need, the Xaverian values were displayed brightly this spring amid one of history's most dark and challenging moments. Counselors made themselves easily accessible, offering support, and answering questions. Students, parents, and teachers expressed gratitude for hard work and

positive attitudes. Despite finding themselves apart, students found more opportunities to connect than ever before.

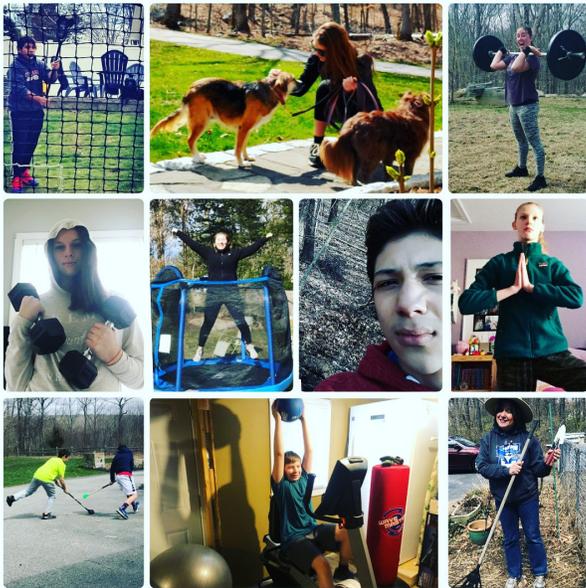
Ann Alsfeld, Director of Communications at Xaverian Brothers High in Westwood, MA, described how times like these show the true investment and strong community of faculty and staff and

“There wasn't a single hesitation,” said Ann Alsfeld, Director of Communications at Xaverian Brothers High School in Westwood, MA. “It was all hands on deck, and everyone jumped to make it happen.”

how their work is not a paycheck, but a calling.

Leaning on the relationships developed across the XBSS network, the XBSS Office assisted schools by gathering Communication Directors online via Zoom to share information, insight, and ideas to keep families engaged and relationships thriving. Creativity, inspiration, and fun initiatives were shared, and the Sponsorship office scheduled regular online gatherings of cohort groups to discuss best practices. From Chief Administrators working to support school operations, Campus Minister and Adult Faith Formation personnel sharing ideas for remote ministry and responding to the pandemic through the lens of a Xaverian-Catholic identity, to assisting Assistant Principals in supporting remote learning and professional development for faculty and staff. XBSS staff also reached out to IT Personnel to assist with conversations on remote learning, device management, and ensuring internet access to all school community members. They spoke to Admissions about discerning

best enrollment tactics and financial aid strategies to support members joining the school community. Advancement Directors were supported in navigating strategies, reinforcing the emergency needs of families, and brainstorming new fundraising strategies. XBSS staff facilitated conversations with Chief Financial Officers and Business Managers on financial forecasting,



For Physical Fitness Day at Saint Bernard's, students and staff shared photos of how they are staying physically active during distance learning.

budgeting, and accessing the CARES Stimulus legislation funding. They also facilitated discussions with College Counselors on best practices for counseling students on their college acceptances and financial aid as well as School Counselors on how best to care for the social and emotional health of students.

Unique opportunities arose, such as Board Chair, Chris Creed, '96 graduate, and Managing Director at Goldman Sachs, taking the time to speak with 12 members of the St. John's High School Investment Club through an online conference and Evan Kristiansen, Ph.D., joined Mr. Gunning's AP Biology class at Xaverian High via Google Meets.

"We are spending a great deal of time looking ahead and planning virtual ways we can celebrate our seniors since we usually have so many deep, meaningful experiences that happen in the Spring," said Joseph

Schuberth, Director of Communications at Mount St. Joseph's High in Baltimore.

Reaching out to students and families personally moved to the forefront. Student-athletes at Our Lady of Good Counsel High in Olney, MD, refused to be sidelined and traded sneakers for sewing machines as they gathered virtually on a mask-making mission for health care professionals. In just 24-hours, the school raised over \$200,000 to support emergency financial assistance for families in need and provided technology tools for enhanced distance learning during the school's 'Day of Giving.' Parents of St. Mary's Ryken High in Leonardtown, MD, participated in a 'Coffee with Counselors' virtual event with one parent writing a special note on Facebook.

“ Amid COVID-19, Ryken's transition to e-learning was seamless,” said Monique Logan Mitchell, “And they did it in two days! ... I am overjoyed with how the teachers continue to provide instruction and keep the students engaged. The same rigor that existed in the classroom exists today. I am so proud and thankful that with all that's going on, I don't have to fret over my son's education...”



Board Chair, Chris Creed '96, Managing Director at Goldman Sachs, spoke with 12 members of the St. John's High School Investment Club via online conference.

First graders at Lowell Catholic in Lowell, MA, connected over Zoom to meet their teacher, Ms. Conway's, new baby. Teachers at Nazareth Regional in Brooklyn went above and beyond to keep students in high spirits, making sure distance learning occurred without interruption to their studies, providing ample opportunity to work through curriculums without sacrificing the quality of their education. Xaverian Brothers High in Westwood, MA, began its digital learning program, #RELAX (Remote Education and Learning at Xaverian), encouraging workstations at home conducive to learning. Xavier High in Middletown, CT, highlighted students online for their commitment to the school mission.

When students at Saint Bernard's in Uncasville, CT, learned that a local cancer center lacked sanitizer for visiting nurses, the school's available sanitizer was delivered to supply the need.

At St. John's Prep in Danvers, MA, students looked passed



Lowell Catholic First Grade had a Zoom session. Little crusaders caught up with each other and shared how they have been and what they've been doing at home. They also got to meet Ms. Conway's new baby, Owen, virtually.

themselves, fundraising to collect gear for local hospitals.

Across the world in Bungoma, Kenya, Brothers Daniel Ongeso and Peter Wanga educated their students at St. Xavier High on prevention and spread of the virus before ensuring their safe return home. Teachers prepared remote learning assignments and stayed in touch with students, making frequent check-in calls, and keeping engaged via WhatsApp.

Malden Catholic in Malden, MA, offered community engagement activities including picture contests, alumni webinar series, campus ministry programs with daily prayers, lunch chats, and virtual service opportunities.

They joined St. John's Prep students and faculty in a 125-car procession outside the Xaverian House in a showcase of affection and gratitude for Brothers. The drive-by left



Xaverian Brothers High School teachers don't miss a beat! Mr. Kidd sets up for 'Beginning Guitar' class.

Brothers, staff, and residents extraordinarily grateful, leaving a thoughtful impact on Brothers who lined up outside in masks, keeping their social distance, to greet the procession.

“When we rise, we must carry our values, expectations, history, and commitment with us,” wrote JR Calvery, a senior at Saint Xavier High in Louisville, KY. “Nothing can be dropped. So far, as teachers, you all have dropped nothing. The waters got tough, and you all are keeping us afloat.”

From medical supply drives to the creation of websites for updates, resources, and information, schools leveraged social media to share, connect, and challenge each other to think creatively. Offering clubs, activities, and sports training sessions were moved online for the continued education of the whole person. Virtual town halls, curriculum nights, and school tours for middle and high school families were also made available.

Amid a trying time, the fundamental vision of supporting one another has led to an even more robust, holistic programming, tested, tried, and emerging renewed.

Our Lady of Good Counsel High School student athletes on a coronavirus mask-making mission, trading in sneakers for sewing machines to make masks for health care professionals. They decided not to remain sidelined during the pandemic.



“It's kind of a labor of love and I want to make sure everyone's safe, but when you know someone on the front lines, it makes it a little different,” said Karen Kart, volleyball coach and the effort's organizer.

“It was a way for us to reach out tangibly,” said Kim Hodges, Director of High School Admissions and Marketing, “How the network supports one another is impressive. There is a spirit of collegiality and idea-sharing that is wonderful.”

XAVERIAN MISSIONS IN KENYA STILL PLACES OF HOPE AMID PANDEMIC

Brs. Edmond Juma and Dan Ongeso

Ryken Center for Hope, Bungoma

It's a mixed atmosphere here in Kenya with numerous activities abounding. Planting season is underway, especially for western region counties. God has released rains from above and farmers are seriously engaged in farm work including the Ryken Center family. These are good signs for a future harvest. I am proud of those assisting with house chores, and our children at the center who passionately take part in farm work so we will have a harvest at the end of the season.

Being part of the society amid COVID-19, the rescue center has taken seriously the measures directed by The Ministry of Health to protect children from infection. To ensure the safety and health of children and staff, we have conducted thorough cleaning of the center, added additional hand washing stations, stopped visitations, and changed the recruitment process for new children.

Street Kids Feeding Program, Bungoma

The Street Kids feeding program is conducted three times a week for children in Bungoma. Although challenging, we've taken extra health precautions, bearing in mind these most vulnerable kids need love, food, and health care in this time. The feeding program which is carried out by the Postulants is under the supervision of Br. Daniel Ongeso.

St. Xavier High School, Bungoma

Due to the crippling effects of COVID-19, the president of the Republic of Kenya ordered all education institutions closed indefinitely with an aim of preventing the spread. The St Xavier brothers respected the order.

Schools, especially boarding schools, were given guidelines to follow to ensure students reach

their homes safely without exposing them to the virus during movement in public transport.

In this difficult moment, the school came up with logistics to ensure the safety of students. It was not easy given the long distances. Brothers Daniel Ongeso and Peter Wanga took on the task of ensuring the boys successfully arrived at their respective destinations and were picked up by either parents or guardians.

Diocese of Lodwar, Turkana Desert

In Lodwar, while St. James Minor Seminary has also sent their students home and some instruction occurs via distance learning using mobile phones, Brother Simon Chitiavi Wasike continues his work of food distribution for children in some of the most remote regions of this desert. The pandemic and disruption of the food supply will only add to the problems of drought in this desert region.



Masks are worn as a precaution during food distribution in Turkana, Kenya

STUDENTS CALLED TO ACTION AT JUNIOR RETREAT



Dr. Patrick Slattery,
Executive Director, XBSS

WEST HARTFORD, CT - “You are my life!” exclaimed Brother Brian Davis. He stood before a group of students at the Xaverian Brothers Sponsored Schools annual Junior Retreat at the Holy Family Retreat Center in West Hartford, CT, from March 8-12. Davis asked students to reflect on the fact that so many Xaverian Brothers dedicated their entire lives and careers to students just like them. His statement emphasized his point and students took the sentiment to heart all week, garnering an even greater appreciation for the opportunities that exist for them in their schools as a result of the dedication and love of all Xaverian Brothers over the years.

Students from across the network, along with teacher-leaders from each school, gathered to realize their “connectedness” to the Xaverian charism, the ministry of XBSS, and their mission as it is lived out in stewardship in the global community. Fr. David Choquette, a graduate of Xavier High School, celebrated the opening Mass. Other diocesan priests and XBSS educators were present throughout the week to assist with reconciliation services, offer talks centered on themes taken from the *Fundamental Principles*, and help facilitate various large group activities. Deacon Greg Thompson, Director of Liturgy and Music at St. John’s Catholic Church in Madison, Alabama shared his powerful life story of overcoming disabilities and recognizing that he was “made in God’s image and according to God’s likeness.” His annual talk was a highlight of the retreat week, and the standing ovation afforded him when

finished surely evidenced the impact his message had on the students.

Students engaged in service opportunities around the greater Hartford area. From service work at area food pantries, homeless shelters, and inner-city schools, students embraced the daily theme of “manifesting God’s love to the People’s of the World.”

Dr. Patrick Slattery, Executive Director of XBSS, concluded the retreat by showing a photo of the statue of St. Francis Xavier perched above St. Walburga Church in Bruges, where Theodore Ryken would often pass in his daily travels. The statue shows St. Francis Xavier “standing ready” with his left foot moving from the perch, symbolic of taking action. Dr. Slattery asked the students to place themselves in Theodore Ryken’s footsteps, looking up at St. Francis Xavier. How often did Ryken question if he had the fortitude to accomplish that which God was calling him to do? How often did he consider that he was maybe ill-prepared for the task ahead? Yet, that statue of St. Francis Xavier must have inspired Ryken.

“We all have our shortcomings, but God calls us to action,” said Slattery. “He calls us to step forward off that perch. We are called to give our gifts as a gift to others.”

With that theme in mind, Slattery challenged the XBSS students to trust in God and have confidence in their God-given gifts. He challenged them to return to their communities and make a difference, just like Ryken did and St. Francis Xavier before him.

2019 RYKEN AWARD WINNERS



DAVID BAVARO
Malden Catholic



PAUL SERVIDIO
St. Bernard School

“Thank you for this great honor; it is a privilege to be chosen as the recipient of the XBSS Theodore Ryken award this year. For the first time in my teaching career, have had the opportunity to share my faith and to engage in deep conversations with my students about what it means to be a believer.”

Susan Spaulding, SMR



PHIL CAMPBELL
Mount Saint Joseph
High School



DAVID MILLER
Xaverian High School



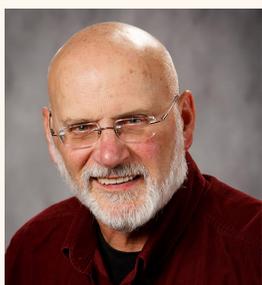
MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM
Xavier High School



ALICIA GREENWOOD
St. John's Preparatory
School



PETER MOSCARIELLO
Lowell Catholic School



GERALD SHEA
St. John's High School



BROTHER DANIEL SKALA
Xaverian Brothers
High School



ABIGAIL NARBON
Our Lady of Good
Counsel High School

“Receiving the Ryken Award means being recognized by my colleagues as someone who both they and the students can count on.”

*Sabrina Aponte,
Nazareth*



SABRINA APONTE
Nazareth Regional High
School



SUSAN SPAULDING
St. Mary's Ryken High
School



PERRY SANGALLI
Posthumously
St. Xavier High School

Call

FULFILLED

BROTHER GERARD DE BEUCKELAERE, CFX

Simplicity is often cited as a characteristic of the Charism of the Xaverian Brothers. Brother Gerard De Beuckelaere was a man of simplicity. It is said also that simplicity is at the heart of religious life. Moreover, simplicity is not innate. To the contrary, Thomas Merton notes that simplicity is to be cultivated and developed by the practice of a sincere and humble acceptance of one's gifts and shortcomings. Quoting Saint Bernard, Merton reflects that "As religious, if we want union with God, let us be obedient and... seek to do what benefits others and not what happens to suit our pleasure or convenience" (On Saint Bernard, 143).

Sincerity, humility and obedience undergird simplicity. They lead to love of God.

Our faith and hope tell us that Brother Gerard is with the Lord. Our fraternal love of him fills us with gratitude for his humble and unassuming contribution to the life and mission we share as Xaverian Brothers.

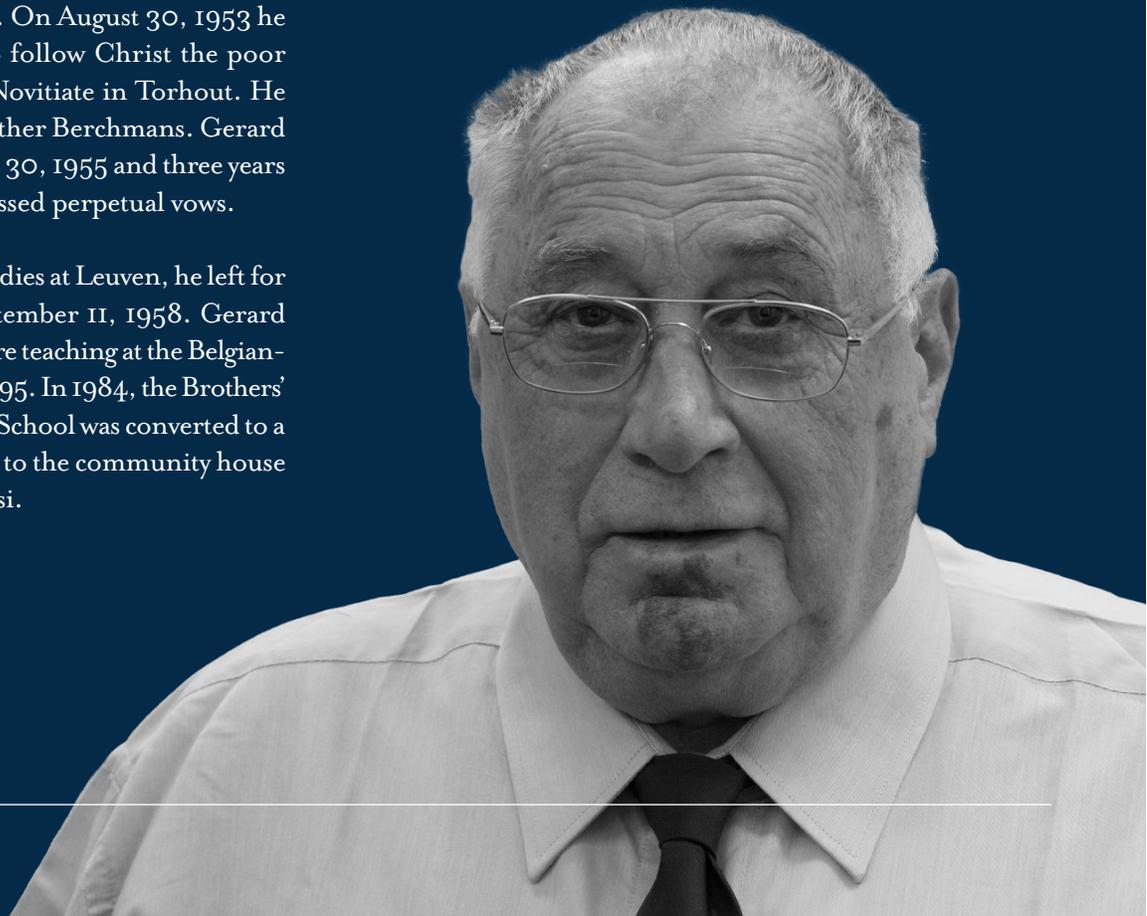
Born in Brugge, Belgium on January 21, 1935 to Maurits (+1984) and Maria Missine (+1996) De Beuckelaere, Gerard had one brother and four sisters. On August 30, 1953 he responded to the initial call "to follow Christ the poor man" by entering the Xaverian Novitiate in Torhout. He was given the religious name Brother Berchmans. Gerard pronounced his first vows August 30, 1955 and three years later, on the same date, he professed perpetual vows.

After completing his technical studies at Leuven, he left for the then Belgian Congo on September 11, 1958. Gerard would spend the next 44 years there teaching at the Belgian-Congolese Railway School until 1995. In 1984, the Brothers' residence attached to the Railway School was converted to a hospital and the Brothers moved to the community house at Sacred Heart Institute in Likasi.

Brother Gerard's entire active ministry took place in Congo and his sense of duty to the Xaverian mission in there was evident. He was open and very much at home with "the common, ordinary, unspectacular flow of everyday life." In the words of our Fundamental Principles, Gerard helped empower the people of Congo "so they too would experience, express and share the love of God with the world by putting their giftedness to the service of others."

Upon finishing his teaching duties at Railway School in 1995, Gerard served as the local superior at Sacred Heart Institute, took care of the community's material affairs and was involved in youth ministry at the local parish. In 2002, he returned to the community at Mariastraat, Brugge. In 2016, he moved along with the entire community to Herdershove, a home for the elderly. Over the last few months, Gerard's health weakened. On January 2, 2020 Gerard was admitted to Saint John's Hospital where he passed away a few hours later.

We give thanks for Brother Gerard's life, praying that he now enjoys God's love. May he rest in peace.



BROTHER JOHN M. COLLINS, C.F.X. (BROTHER MARK)

Brother John M. Collins was born in Somerville, MA on June 1936. He first met the Xaverian Brothers in the person of his uncle, Brother Lionel Doyle. The impact of the Brothers who taught him at Saint Joseph Grammar School in Somerville no doubt influenced his decision to become a Brother. Upon graduating from Matignon High School in Cambridge, MA, he first joined the Xaverian Brothers at Old Point Comfort, VA. He withdrew from the novitiate and enrolled at Boston College where he earned a BA in History and Government in 1957. John taught in the Somerville Public Schools before responding to the mystery of God's call and rejoining the Xaverian Brothers. On July 8, 1960, he entered Sacred Heart Novitiate, Leonardtown, MD, where he received the Xaverian habit and religious name Brother Mark on September 8, 1960. This year Brother John would have celebrated his 60th anniversary as a Xaverian Brother.

John professed first vows on September 8, 1962 and was sent to Cardinal Hayes High School in the Bronx directly from novitiate. While there, he studied theology at Fordham University. He would spend seven years (1963-1970) as a founding faculty member at Xavier High School in Middletown, CT, doing campus ministry and teaching religion. In 1968, he earned his MA in theology from the Catholic University of America. In 1970, he joined an experimental community of Brothers who as a team provided religious education in Flushing, Queens. He would return to Xavier to teach from 1971-1974.

From 1974 to 1980, John served as Director of Formation and Novice Master in Newton Highlands and at Xavier Center in Danvers.

The mystery of our "following Christ, the poor man," is a quest for communion with the God of love, the source of compassionate love that we are called to share with "all whom we meet on this journey of life." John's quest for communion with God led him to living among the Trappists at the Abbey of the Genesee in upstate New York. It was there he came to know and befriend Henri Nouwen, priest and spiritual author. This experience also deepened John's sense of the contemplative dimension of Theodore James Ryken's vision for the Xaverian Brothers. It would also be influential when he was invited along with Brothers Roger Demon (Belgium), Bernard Philpott (England), and Peter Fitzpatrick (USA)



to be on the Commission on the Xaverian Constitutions that succeeded in writing our present *Fundamental Principles*. John was one of the principal composers.

Having come to some insight into the contemplative dimension of our life, John received permission to experiment with developing the Community of the Way, an effort to deepen the contemplative and international missionary dimensions of Ryken's vision. In recent years, the Congregation had called on him to serve our Congolese and Kenyan Brothers in the initial formation programs in Nairobi, Bungoma, Lubumbashi, and Kipushi.

God blessed Brother John with the love of theology and faith formation, an avid interest in the Congregation's history, the life and charism of our Founder, and with deep commitment to the integrity of religious life. John was blessed with generosity that impelled him to help others respond to their calls to follow Christ. He was blessed with an understanding of the need to integrate contemplation with mission and ministry. These spiritual practices matured over the past 60 years.

May John experience the peace that comes from communion with God.



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Brother Robert Green, CFX

DANVERS, MA - A red sign in the window of the front door of Xaverian House is the first indication of “something different” going on these days. It says, “Please, no visitors until it is safe for us to welcome you.” The sign then proposes prayers and indicates that deliveries should go to a side door. Other than going for walks on the campus of St. John’s Prep, the community has been following instruction to stay inside, with a few reminder signs on exterior doors.

In many ways, the residents’ normal life can continue with few noticeable changes. The Brothers’ dedicated nursing, cooking, and housekeeping staff members continue their care, all choreographed by Nurse Robin Rowell. Because of the relatively small size of the community, several Masses a week are still offered by Fathers Robert O’Grady and James Morris, and the Brothers are reminded that most Catholics around the world are deprived of liturgies during these uncertain times. Some accessed a recent Xaverian Brothers Zoom Prayer Service, the script of which was used for the community Evening Prayer, including the opportunity to share thoughts and feelings. For those able to attend, the community has the custom of Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays. Because of the temporary prohibition on visitors, members of the community are attempting to keep in touch with family, friends and confreres by telephone, email, letters and private and community prayer. The weekly Barnsider newsletter offers the Brothers special prayer intentions, reminds them of the schedule, and provides such advice as “wash frequently with warm water and soap; it’s more effective than hand sanitizer.”

SOMETHING DIFFERENT AT XAVIERIAN HOUSE



Brothers Robert Houlihan, Jeremiah O’Leary, Pat Pennell and James Eckert and Nurse Robin Rowell play a fun dice game at Xaverian House.

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