

XAVERIAN BROTHERS

IN HARMONY SMALL THINGS GROW

Christmas Appeal 2020

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Please support our retired Brothers this Advent Season

DEAR FRIENDS:

The sights and sounds of the season are drawing us into the spirit of Christmas. We are invited once again to contemplate God's love for us. Christmas helps us understand that our God is not a distant God, but a compassionate God, who is with us right in the middle of our everyday lives. Christmas is a remarkable gift with the coming of Emmanuel, God with us.

The journey to Bethlehem is meant for all of us. Like Joseph and Mary we look for a place to rest and to find comfort. We don't have to journey across the globe like the Magi. We can find what we are looking for in our families, friends and community. In all our personal connections, we can see Christ. Whenever we accept one another for who they are, and not who we want them to be, we feel Christ's presence. There we have Christmas right in front of us. It is easily missed since it is so fragile, but time will reveal its meaning. We gradually become aware that God is always seeking a place in our lives, in the ordinary blessings given to us each day.

Pictured above: Brothers Dan Conaghan, Louis Calmel, Kenney Gorman, Michael Foley, Matthew Burke, Rodney Sulzer and Cornelius Hubbuch (de Montfort) at the Ryken House as a parade of cars from the Saint Xavier High School community drove by in honor of Religious Brothers Day on May 1.



Pictured above from left to right: Brothers Clement Kowalchuk, James Connolly, Jeremiah O'Leary, David Mahoney and Robert Houlihan (Arnold) at Xaverian House in Danvers, MA, taken during a Zoom visit from students at St. John's Prep.

This year has brought us many unique challenges yet we march on confident that God is with us. The Xaverian Mission continues to light the way for our brothers, our associates, our partners in mission and all who support and encourage us.



Brothers at Xaverian House in Danvers wave to passerby's from St. John's Prep and Malden Catholic who drove by with family members in a socially distant event to show their love and support for the Brothers in the midst of the pandemic. Pictured above: Brothers Daniel Lynch and Robert Green hold a 'thank you' sign. Brothers Robert Houlihan and John Kerr (Lambertus) joined Brothers and staff of Xaverian House.



The Xaverian House community in Danvers was honored to celebrate the 70th anniversary of entrance of Brothers Patrick Pennell (Gavril) and Paul Feeney (Antoninus).

Please consider helping us to continue to burn brightly as we provide for the needs of our retired brothers. Your gift for these men who have faithfully served the Xaverian Mission will be a special blessing of the Christmas season.

For myself and our brothers, we pray that the spirit of Christmas is born in your hearts once again and that this light will lead you throughout the new year.

We wish you and your loved ones a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

Gratefully,

Brother Daniel

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