



Your support gives hope

*Students standing out front of the James Ryken Center of Hope, pre-COVID*

## DEAR FRIEND,

In July 1854, six Xaverian Brothers accompanied by the founder, Theodore James Ryken, left Belgium for America at the invitation of Bishop Martin John Spalding. These missionaries arrived in Louisville, Kentucky on August 11 whereupon the Brothers commenced school for boys of immigrants at St. Patrick's and Immaculate Conception. Since this modest beginning, the Brothers have adapted to the changing needs of the times. Today, Xaverian schools are flourishing in Europe and the United States. The Brothers' missionary efforts continue today in Kenya, The Democratic Republic of the Congo and Haiti.

The words of the Gospel, "Go, then, to all people everywhere, and make them my disciples," shape the timeless quality of our missionary efforts. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, the brothers are sent as missionaries to "manifest God's care and compassionate love" to our neighbors near and far. An important characteristic of Xaverian ministry has always been our complete trust in God's Providence. This disposition gives us hope, resilience and a capacity for growth and change. It is the life and action of God's will manifested in our missionary zeal. All of us who have a part in the Xaverian Mission do God's work.

We are in the midst of a global pandemic which is challenging our missionary work. Yet we are invited in our struggles to trust in the presence of God seen in the many blessings in our communities. Sustaining the programs so many have come to depend upon requires real resources and courage. The faithfulness of our Brothers and our partners in mission are making a big difference in the lives of the many people we serve today. But there is still work to be done.



Construction progress underway at the new school in Kipushi, Congo. The name of the school will be determined by the Brothers who will submit their suggestion to the General Council. God is already providing in Kipushi, Congo, as progress is underway at our new school with parents eager to register their children. In the same town, the Furaha Institute, which features biochemistry, sales and management, and electrical studies, is facing new

challenges amid the pandemic. However, the school is steadfastly pressing on to provide Christian education so students have a chance to build their futures.

Newly professed Brothers Gregory, Douglas, Robert, and Kevin will be spending three months in active communities of Lodwar and Bungoma in Kenya, engaging in ministries, pastoral work and caring for street children at Ryken Centre for Hope, Saint Xavier High School Bungoma, and Saint James Junior Seminary. They are stepping out in faith, trusting God to provide.



Pictured above: Newly professed Brothers Robert and Kevin.



Pictured above: Newly professed Brothers Gregory and Douglas.



Pictured above: Louigene Cledisone Tirogène, a student at Sant Zaveryen in Haiti.

For Louigene Cledisone Tirogène, a student at Sant Zaveryen in Haiti, the goal of graduating from university was at last realized. With tremendous gratitude, he will now go on to do an internship and attend seminars in general sociology, operations management, organizing psychology, and strategic management of human resources. His future is bright.

Throughout our missionary history, the Brothers' zeal for the mission has never wavered nor has the support of generous people like you. We thank you for being an important partner in our mission. The suffering and struggles in Kenya, Congo and Haiti are great this year. May we count on your prayers and continued support? Thank you for considering this request.

God Bless you and your family,

*Brother Daniel*

BROTHER DANIEL SKALA, CFX

General Superior