



Wherever the Mission Called

DEAR FRIEND OF THE XAVERIAN BROTHERS,

Since our foundation in 1839, our Brothers have faithfully served wherever the mission called. Brother Richard Angarola is no exception. Our Fundamental Principles invite us to respond to God's call to live a life of love in faith and trust. That call led Brother Richard, a Brooklyn native, outside his comfort zone to places and people he would have never encountered otherwise. Joining the Xaverian Brothers 61 years ago, Brother Richard has dedicated his life to faithfully serve the church, congregation, countless students, and colleagues.

In 1966, Brother Richard stepped out in faith and into the unknown when he went to St. Xavier High School in Louisville; far from New York and the world in which he grew up. For ten years he taught Latin, French, and Religion, moderated Student Council and co-directed the retreat program with Brother Edward Driscoll. Brother Richard also served as Principal of St. Mary's Ryken for several years and as a Guidance Officer at both Xaverian High School and Nazareth Regional in Brooklyn for a combined 15 years.

Brother Richard Angarola shakes hands with a graduating student from St. Mary's Ryken High School in the 1980s.

"At that time when I reunited with my roots in Brooklyn, I had already spent many years running retreat programming and teaching," he said. "I was built up; equipped to help guide and mentor my students."



Brother Richard began his formation as a Xaverian Brother in 1960, and after his formation and early education began teaching at St. Xavier, Louisville, KY.



Brother Richard Angarola pictured here in retirement. He now resides comfortably with his fellow Brothers at Treyton Oak Towers in Louisville, KY.

Brother Richard's personal investment in students cultivated sincere lifelong friendships. His heart for counseling helped teach him the art of listening and contributed greatly to his own character development.

"No matter what, young people want respect, love, and attention," he said. "There were times when I was frustrated and made mistakes, but I learned to listen and let students know just how important and valuable they were; cherished by God."

Meeting students where they were amid their life circumstances and helping them progress set Brother Richard's heart ablaze; seeing students in a new light as they learned self-awareness, self-love, and acceptance.

"It was extremely rewarding," he exclaimed. As Brother Richard followed the mission, the mission grew in him. Day by day he renewed his response.

Drawn back to Louisville, Brother Richard volunteered for several years at St. Xavier and Nazareth Nursing Home before joining the Ryken House community. Now settled with the Brothers at Treyton Oak Towers, he is surrounded by wonderful friends joining him in his retirement, as well as many former students.

"I feel at home," he stated. "I really didn't want to come to Kentucky when I first began my ministry, but I have always felt comfortable everywhere I was led because I knew I was fulfilling the mission to love and serve my students."

As Brother Richard enters a new season, he reflects on a career well spent manifesting God's compassionate love; full and abundant.

Your support provides our retired Brothers the gift of a living environment they're most comfortable in and can call home. More importantly, it provides our aging Brothers with medical attention and caring environments that enable them to continue living the mission. Rest assured all of our Brothers diligently pray for you and all of our benefactors each day.

Today, we respond to the signs of the times and "follow Christ wherever He leads." We could not fulfill our mission to manifest God's care and compassionate love to all without your support. I am deeply grateful that you accompany us on this life-giving journey and ask for your continued financial support of our retired Brothers.

God bless you and your family,

Brother Daniel

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