

## A Year of Servant Leadership

### DEAR XBSS ALUM,

Throughout the year our Xaverian Brothers Sponsored Schools (XBSS) responded to the many challenges brought about by the pandemic. With a strong commitment to the well-being of students and staff, Xaverian schools revealed their strength through care and compassion for one another.

Keeping a Xaverian Brothers education affordable and accessible to all has always been a challenge. The pandemic shut down many schools. But Xaverian schools responded to the needs of students and families by creating innovative programs addressing academic, social, and spiritual development. Whether through remote or in-person instruction, our schools were able to maintain their Xaverian mission by focusing on the wholistic formation of students and building enduring personal relationships. Moreover, students reached out in service activities to their local communities. Every effort was made to provide structure and space for active engagement. Subsequently, students flourished despite restrictions due to the virus.

Our history of innovation and ability to adapt to changing circumstances has always been a strength of Xaverian education. Consequently, our schools have experienced a steady increase in enrollment unlike many Catholic schools, which are experiencing a decline.

*Geoff Close, math teacher at Xavier High School in Middletown, CT, perseveres with his class to continue educating amid the pandemic.*

This past year has afforded our schools the opportunity to strengthen their relationships with students and their families and highlight mission with a greater focus on equity and inclusion, racial awareness and justice.

In March, representatives from all 13 of our schools gathered virtually for the annual XBSS retreat, over five online sessions, to emphasize the significance of servant leadership. For some students, it was the best online experience since the start of the pandemic.

“This was such a great experience,” said Daniel Korede of Nazareth Regional High School. “I feel blessed to be part of XBSS.”



*This Spring, Lowell Catholic students collectively raised over 23,000 food items for the LC March Madness Can Drive to benefit the Merrimack Valley Food Bank, far exceeding their original goal of 5,500 items.*



Stay connected with us on social media as you advance in your career. Your support of our XBSS network provides vital programming to further the mission and continue serving our schools in the spirit and values that distinguish a Xaverian education, so others can share in the experience you had. May we count on your support?

Please be assured of our prayers and best wishes for you and your family. May God bless you,

*Brother Daniel*  
BROTHER DANIEL SKALA, CFX  
General Superior

DR. PATRICK SLATTERY  
XBSS Executive Director

“ It feels good knowing that we will hopefully soon be able to get back to a normal routine. What has kept me going is knowing that I am not alone in this. The faculty and students have made this year easier to cope with because they understand what is going on and are there to help whenever they can. I also know that when I am in school, I am safe because of the procedures we go through ”

- Joshua '23, Xaverian Brothers High School, Westwood, MA

As an alumnus of a Xaverian Brothers Sponsored School, your prayers and support help us press on. Believing in the value of the education you received and the help you're able to provide both your alma mater and to the Xaverian Brothers truly makes an immeasurable difference. Our XBSS network seeks to expand formational programming to meet growing needs, serve our mission, and ensure a transformative Xaverian, Catholic education is realized by the 11,600 students we educate.



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**Dr. Patrick Slattery | Executive Director**  
Initially formed by the Xaverian Brothers while at Xavier High School in Middletown, CT, Dr. Patrick Slattery returned to serve the network as Executive Director in 2017. He has dedicated his career to Catholic education.



**Benjamin Horgan | Formation Director**  
Initially formed by the Xaverian Brothers while at St. John's High School in Shrewsbury, MA, Ben returned to the network to serve as the Formation Director in 2018 and holds a deep passion for mission.



**Brother Richard Lunny, CFX | Associate Director**  
After teaching in Catholic education on the elementary, secondary and college levels, Brother Richard Lunny, CFX served as an administrator for over 30 years. Since 2015, he has served as XBSS Associate Director.