

## Christmas Blessings

### DEAR FRIEND OF THE XAVERIAN BROTHERS,

This year we were able to gather together and celebrate the anniversaries of fifteen Xaverian Brothers who have served the mission of our congregation for a total of 925 years. When I consider how many lives have been changed, destinies altered, and communities transformed through the Brothers' service, I am deeply grateful for their faithful witness to God's word. In their humble ways, the Brothers proclaimed the Gospel message of God's compassionate love for all. By their care and concern for their students and all they encounter, the Brothers point the way to a life beyond self interests and a commitment to service and the common good. The Xaverian mission lights the way forward through the inevitable challenges all of us face in our daily lives.

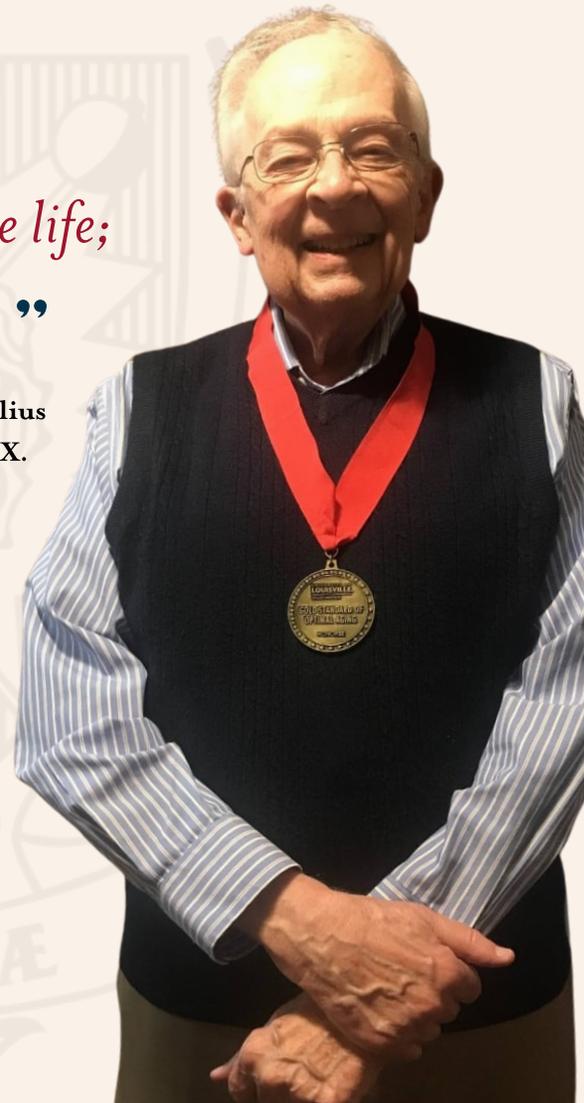
This Christmas, Jesus becomes the light of the world again. Jesus is born not as a conquering king but as a humble prince of peace. Our hearts are stirred and with the "multitude of the heavenly host", we proclaim, "Glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth peace to all." Like the journey of the Magi, we look for the star to guide us to our destination, in the deeper dimensions of the heart. The Xaverian mission promotes an awareness that God is always seeking a place in our hearts, and makes its way to us through the ordinary circumstances of each day.

*Pictured above: The late Brother Kevin congratulating Brother J. Conal Owens on the reception of the habit, 1946.*

*Pictured below: Brother Cornelius Hubbuch was honored along with 30 other seniors 85 and older for their continued optimal aging by the University of Louisville Trager Institute. The Institute is driven by a mission of innovating the aging experience through leading-edge clinical practice, collaborative research, and inter-professional education. They are dedicated to bringing about a new vision of aging as an opportunity.*

“*Be real,  
celebrate life;  
love all*”

- **Brother Cornelius  
Hubbuch, C.F.X.**

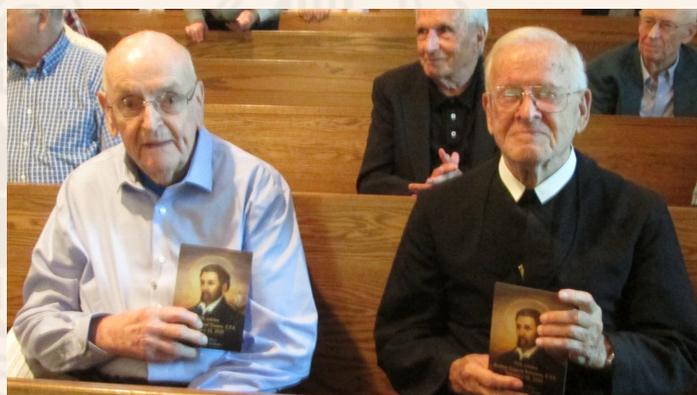




*Pictured above: Brothers at Xaverian House gather for their annual retreat. Standing: William Cushing, Stephen Kietzman, Regis Moynihan, William Lyons (Sabinus), Eugene Behenna (Edgar), Jeremiah O'Leary (Wilbur), Tim Hoey, Jim Eckert, speaker Virginia Blass, David Mahoney, Daniel Lynch, Jim Connolly. Seated: Pat Pennell (Gavril), Thomas Murphy (Gavin), Robert Green, Clement Kowalchuk.*

The past year has brought extraordinary challenges, yet your prayers serve as a beacon of hope. With your support, we march onward trusting in God's Providence. This Christmas help us keep the light burning bright so that we can provide for the care of our retired Brothers. They have faithfully served as missionary disciples and continue serving in volunteer work and prayer.

*Pictured below: Brothers at Treyton Oak Towers. Standing (L-R): Brothers Daniel Doherty (Donnan), Peter Campbell (Nevin), Kenney Gorman, Daniel Conaghan (Rian), Cornelius Hubbuch (De Montfort), Louis Calmel. Seated (L-R): Brothers Michael Foley, Rodney Sulzer (Pierce), Peter Mahoney (Neil), Ward O'Connell.*



*Pictured above: Brothers J. Conal Owens (left) and Eugene Behenna (right) celebrated their 75th Jubilees on Sept. 18 in Danvers, MA.*

We are grateful for the many blessings bestowed on the Xaverian Brothers community, and we pray that the spirit of Christmas gives you peace and lights your way into the new year. We wish you and your loved ones a Blessed Christmas.

Sincerely,

*Brother Daniel*

BROTHER DANIEL SKALA, C.F.X.

*General Superior*