

IGNITE THE FLAME OF THE XAVERIAN WAY!

Help us Shape Future Leaders of XBSS

Dear Friend and Supporter of the Xaverian Brothers,

We often reflect on the rich history of our Congregation and the profound impact our Brothers have had in Catholic education. Many of you hold close the memories of being educated and formed by the Brothers themselves. However, much has changed. While our schools were once primarily led and staffed by Xaverian Brothers, today our 13 Xaverian Brothers Sponsored Schools (XBSS) are now run entirely by dedicated lay professionals. This shift presents us with a critical opportunity: to secure the future of the Xaverian Charism itself.

The unique spirit of faith, zeal, humility, trust, and simplicity that defines us—the Xaverian Way—must not only endure but flourish. The responsibility for passing this essential charism to the next generation now rests with our dedicated lay educators. However, this transition requires more than just goodwill; it demands continuous, focused investment in professional development and spiritual formation.

We are writing to you today with a deep sense of urgency to ask for your direct support for the essential training and programming that ensures the Xaverian Charism lives on.



XBSS Board Forum



Student Retreat

Planting the seeds of the Xaverian charism is where the Xaverian Brothers Sponsored Schools network becomes the beacon of our future. We actively invest in developing essential, charism-based programming each year. This programming educates and forms our lay staff in a deeper understanding of the Xaverian Spirituality, equipping them to become true torchbearers of our tradition.

Last year marked the largest number of in-person gatherings we've held in at least the past decade, reflecting a steady and ongoing growth in our programming. Bringing together teachers, administrators, students, and board directors from all 13 schools for meetings, retreats, and formation programs allowed them to share and deepen their understanding of the Xaverian Way, and to strengthen how it is lived and communicated within their school communities for years to come.

These gatherings foster a powerful sense of community and shared mission, ensuring that our schools remain anchored in the spirituality of our founder. In fact, Theodore Ryken's guidance speaks directly to this unified purpose: *"We must look upon the whole world as our field of labor."*

These efforts—the retreats, the formation programs, the in-person gatherings—are not simply nice-to-haves; they are essential for the continued success and spiritual vitality of our schools. But they are also costly, and it is only through the unwavering support of generous friends like you that this necessary work can grow and flourish.

Brother Tom Puccio welcomed students to the 2026 XBSS Retreat.



Without dedicated resources, the essential programming needed to fully form our educators and secure the charism for the future will be severely limited. The time to act is now, while these dedicated professionals are eager to embrace this sacred trust; carried on today by the current generation of dedicated educators.

When we look back on the educators who made an impact on our lives, we often remember the Brothers of the past. But today, we must shine a spotlight on the present teachers and mentors of our students, the next generation of the Xaverian family. This is the enduring legacy Theodore Ryken hoped for when he said, *“The object of this life is to save souls.”*

This legacy is powerfully embodied by dedicated lay leaders in our schools today.



Consider people like **Limnyuy Konglim**, a graduate of Our Lady of Good Counsel and now the school’s Chief Mission and Identity Officer. Limnyuy beautifully articulates her commitment: *“Four of the best years of my life were spent at Good Counsel and my continued commitment to the vision and mission of GC led me to my current role.”*

Or, **Ben Horgan**, a graduate of Saint John’s High School and its current Head of School. Ben is deeply committed to his own spiritual growth, actively engaging in opportunities like retreats and spiritual direction. He firmly believes in anchoring all that is done in the school’s mission. Ben sees the transition to lay leadership not as a loss of presence, but as an opportunity for laypeople to bring their unique perspective to animate the school’s charism. As a leader, he stresses the significance of upholding tradition while skillfully adapting to the times.



The Xaverian Brothers Sponsored Schools network needs your help to ensure that this essential training and programming can continue into the future, especially the crucial in-person gatherings that forge lasting spiritual bonds and shared commitment.

Your generosity will directly support the development of our lay leaders, ensuring that the legacy you cherish—the Xaverian Way—continues to form young men and women of faith for decades to come, following Ryken’s most fundamental counsel: **“The only end that we seek is God’s glory.”** Please join us in securing the future of the Xaverian Charism by making a gift today.

With heartfelt gratitude and prayers for you and your family,

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Rosanna Vessels and Cathy Reynolds (St. Xavier HS) speak to XBSS Chief Administrators.