

IGNITE THE FLAME OF THE XAVERIAN WAY!

Help us Shape Future Leaders of XBSS

Dear Friend and XBSS Alumnus,

We often reflect on the rich history of our Congregation and the profound impact the Xaverian Brothers have had in Catholic education. While generations before you were formed by the Brothers themselves, your own experience of the Xaverian Way was brought to life by dedicated lay staff. You are part of the generation that experienced our schools after a critical shift: while our schools were once primarily led by Brothers, today our 13 Xaverian Brothers Sponsored Schools (XBSS) are run entirely by dedicated lay professionals. This shift presents a critical opportunity: to secure the future of the Xaverian Charism through those who mentored you.

Your own journey proves the power of lay educators. The unique spirit of compassion, zeal, humility, trust, and simplicity—the Xaverian Way—must not only endure but flourish. The responsibility for passing on this essential charism to the next generation now rests with lay educators who follow in the footsteps of the staff who taught you. Their commitment requires continuous, focused investment in professional development and spiritual formation to keep the flame alive.

We are writing to you today to ask for your direct support with the essential training and programming that ensures the Xaverian Charism lives on in the hands of our lay staff.



XBSS Board Forum



Student Retreat

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

Last year marked the largest number of in-person gatherings we've held in at least the past decade. Bringing together teachers and administrators from all 13 schools allowed them to share and learn more about the Xaverian Way and how to share it effectively with students. These gatherings ensure our schools remain anchored in the spirituality of our founder, Theodore Ryken, who said: *"We must look upon the whole world as our field of labor."*

These retreats and formation programs are essential for the spiritual vitality of our schools. But they are also costly, and it is only through the unwavering support of alumni like you that this work can flourish.

Brother Tom Puccio welcomed students to the 2026 XBSS Retreat.



Without dedicated resources, our ability to fully form our educators will be limited. The time to act is now, while these professionals are eager to embrace this sacred trust.

When you look back on the educators who impacted your life, you remember the devoted lay staff who guided you. Now, we must shine a spotlight on the present teachers, the next generation of the Xaverian family. This is the 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, many of whom are fellow alumni who experienced the charism just as you did.



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, especially the crucial in-person gatherings that forge lasting spiritual bonds and shared commitment.

Your generosity will directly support our lay leaders, ensuring that the legacy you cherish—the Xaverian Way—continues to form young people of faith for decades to come. 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.