

# XAVERIAN BROTHERS

In Harmony Small Things Grow

## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS: NEW CHRISTMAS STORIES

*The Infancy narratives of the gospels are representations in story form of the experience of persons and communities of the coming of Jesus into their lives and world. Throughout human history since that time, persons of every culture and way of life have created their own stories of the meaning and significance of the coming of the Lord into their lives. Some famous examples are: "The Gift of the Magi" by O. Henry; A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens, "Papa Panov's Special Christmas" by Leo Tolstoy, The Nutcracker and the Mouse King by E.T.A Hoffman, "The Journey of the Magi" by T.S. Eliot.*

We are in the process of creating a book for reflection during the Advent Season of 2017. It will have a brief story for each day of the Advent season which would spark insight and personal reflection on the part of those who would use the booklet in service of their personal prayer and meditation during the Advent Season.

We invite you to share the meaning of the coming of Jesus, the Messiah, and to serve the reflection and prayer of others by telling the Christmas story in your own way. That each story can readily serve as a daily reflection during the Season of Advent, we ask that your story be around 750 words in length.

We would ask anyone interested in making a contribution to this booklet submit their work to Chris Irr ([cirr@xaverianbrothers.org](mailto:cirr@xaverianbrothers.org)) by **July 21, 2017**. Thank you for considering our request and may you and all you love have a blessed Advent and Christmas season.

### **SUBMISSION DETAILS**

Send your submission(s) in a single .doc(x) or .pdf file.

In addition to the Advent booklet, stories will be published online at [livingthecharism.com](http://livingthecharism.com).

Submissions should be original work, and you must own all rights. The owner of the work retains copyright upon publication and you agree to grant the Xaverian Brothers one-time rights and electronic rights, as well as electronic archival rights.

If your story is published we will provide one printed copy of the booklet to you.