

Becoming an Associate

If you wish to pursue becoming a Xaverian Brothers Associate, please contact us to obtain a copy of the Xaverian Associate Handbook, which includes adapted reflections and prayers from the *Fundamental Principles of the Xaverian Brothers*. You can discuss your desire to become an Associate with one of our Brothers or our Membership Coordinator.

If interested, the next step is to fill out an application for Associate membership. This application contains questions about your goals, your interests, and your present association with the Xaverian Brothers. It also asks you to reflect prayerfully and in writing on your reasons for wanting to be an Associate.

If accepted as an Associate, you will receive a letter of welcome and an invitation to attend an orientation retreat. In a celebration of commitment at the end of this retreat, you will make a one-year commitment and be officially recognized by the Congregation as an Associate member.

During this year, you will be encouraged to

- pray daily in communion with the Congregation;
- explore Xaverian spirituality through books about the founder and through postings on our website (livingthecharism.com);
- explore ways to reach out to the poor and marginalized;
- search for a deeper relationship with Christ and ways to live the gospel in your daily life.

For More Information...

To learn more about the Xaverian Brothers Associate Program, please contact our coordinator:

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Also, visit us online:

xaverianbrothers.org
livingthecharism.com
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*It is our communion with the living God
that is at the heart of our lives
as children of God,
disciples of Jesus,
witnesses of God's spirit,
members of God's Body,
and brothers and sisters to the world.*

*from the Fundamental Principles
of the Xaverian Brothers*



Xaverian Brothers Associate Program

Jesus himself told us that when "two or three of you come together in my name, I am there among you" (Mt 18:20). It is in this spirit that we invite men and women—single, married, or ordained—to form a closer relationship with the Xaverian Brothers as Associates. Together we will...

- explore Xaverian spirituality,
- search for a deeper relationship with Christ,
- live in a communion of prayer,
- and explore ways to reach out to the poor and the marginalized, each in our own environments and way of life.

We believe that in the sharing of our lives of faith, we will be stronger. It is the graced desire for deep and meaningful relationships that impels us to invite others into and associate relationship with the Congregation. In such a relationship, we believe we can do and be more than we could do or be separately.

Thus we invite and welcome those who feel called to embrace this commitment to a deeper relationship with the Xaverian Brothers as Xaverian Associates.



Theodore James Ryken
Founder of the Xaverian Brothers

The Xaverian Call



*As a disciple of Jesus Christ,
you are called to follow in His footsteps
and minister God's healing touch of love,
through word and deed,
to all whom you meet
in your journey of life.*

*from the Fundamental Principles
of the Xaverian Brothers*

Xaverian Brothers Associates are those men and women—single, married, or ordained—who...

- wish to share the charism of the Xaverian Brothers and are called by the Spirit of God to recognize this charism of love and service in themselves.
- have a desire to commit themselves with the congregation to community, explore Xaverian spirituality, search for a deeper relationship with Christ, and live in a communion of prayer and loving service in their own settings.
- explore ways to reach out to the poor and the marginalized, each in their own environments and way of life.

The Congregation Welcomes You

The members of the Congregation acknowledge the Associate relationship as a reality in the life of the Congregation and value the richness this collaboration brings. We welcome Associates...

- to participate in ongoing formation with the congregation and regional Associate groups, with particular focus on spirituality and issues of outreach to the poor and marginalized;
- to support, through prayer, the mission and apostolic life of the Congregation;
- to join regional Associate groups for social events, prayer, and faith sharing;
- to gather with the Congregation for such celebrations and social events as jubilees, special liturgies, days of prayer and retreat;
- to join members of the Congregation who are presently involved in social outreach programs to assist the needy, the poor, the marginalized, and to pray for our local and missionary efforts.

As the Associate relationship within the Congregation continues to expand, it is our hope that both Brothers and Associates will continue to clarify who we are, what we share in common, and how our commitments differ. As this relationship deepens, we will face situations for which there is no precedent, and in these cases, we will rely on the guidance of the Spirit to find our way.