

The Flaget Museum

Xaverian Hall St. Xavier High School Campus



1942-1974

Under the auspices of the Flaget Alumni Association

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A DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY

Later this month we will mark the seventy-fifth anniversary of Flaget High School opening it's doors for the very first time. Seventy-five years ago on October 21, 1942 four Xaverian Brothers were welcoming the first students into the newly opened west end school. Today we honor those brothers and those that came after them, 133 in all, for their dedication and hard work, making sure that the best education possible was available to those who wanted to put in the time and effort to achieve it. Brother Clarence, the first principal, and the four other brothers who were at the school during the first year, Brothers Rian, Camillus, and Joseph along with Brother Marinus who replaced Brother Joseph who left in February; began teaching the 120 students; seventy freshman and fifty sophomores; who entered the school during that first year. This became the foundation of what the next thirty-two years and some four thousand plus students built upon to form what is today the Flaget legacy. The Xaverian brothers had such a profound influence on the lives of their charges that at least seventeen graduates studied to become a Xaverian Brother. Whether the men who were brothers stayed in the order, became priests as three of them did, or left the order to pursue other endeavors; all left an indelible mark on the Flaget community. Today only twenty-one men who wore the habit and taught at Flaget are still alive. Nine of these men are still active in the order, as mentioned three have become priests, and nine have left the order. One of the goals named in the mission statement for the Alumni Association is to support the ministry of the Xaverian Brothers, to honor and celebrate their commitment to education and the poor and our communion with the Brothers. We do this here today by honoring those brothers gathered with us in fellowship. One last thing, if you're ever in a game of Flaget trivia you may encounter the question: Which Xaverian Brother taught at Flaget for the longest time? and the shortest? Answers below.

Please visit the Flaget Museum sometime, until further notice the cost of admission is FREE for alumni and their guests. If you have vintage donations for the museum, bring them to any luncheon, drop them off at the museum, or call me if you can't get to either a luncheon or the museum.

Brother Borgia taught at Flaget for 16 years. Brother Timothy taught at Flaget for 2 weeks.