



# The Flaget Museum

Xaverian Hall  
St. Xavier High School Campus



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## REMEMBERING THE FLAGETEERS

As Flaget was preparing its first athletic team for competition it was becoming quite apparent that it was going to take a lot of financial backing to outfit a new school with uniforms, equipment, awards and other necessities needed to run even an adequate sports program much less a superior program to which Flaget aspired. In May 1944 Brother Clarence called together a group of west end business and professional men to a meeting at the Whallen Mansion. Led by Ed Roby, as well as some of the student's fathers and other interested parties an athletic booster organization was formed. John Grenough, a former student, named the new organization the Flageteers. Initially about 150 members each paid \$5 per month in dues in order to fund the growing athletic needs of the new school. In October of 1946 the organization was officially chartered in the State of Kentucky and had almost 400 members. Besides the initial outlay for sports equipment and uniforms, the Flageteers paid for awards and trophies for the teams which were given at sports banquets which were also paid for by the group. They sponsored the annual Father and Son nights held each school year. The group also sponsored many dances, both for the teams as well as the parents. Their interest also found its way into helping out with the annual Toy Bowl put on for the grade school footballers in the Catholic community around Louisville. Football trips to watch the team play and a large number of other activities were all sponsored by this indispensable group. As they took on more responsibilities, so too, the need for more funds became apparent. Their main fundraiser was the annual fall festival held each year, other fish fries and chili suppers were regularly held. As Flaget was becoming a preeminent competitor in sports during the 1950s, the Flageteers mysteriously faded into oblivion. Many of the early supporters were getting older and not very many younger people in the community showed much of an interest in getting involved. A school which had great community support during the founding years oddly seemed to lack that same support when the teams were excelling. The last mention of the Flageteers appeared in late 1956. Another Flaget organization was forming just as the Flageteers were waning, that being the F Club. But that is another story.

Have you visited the Flaget Museum? If not, why not stop by and relive some of those high school memories. There is quite a bit of memorabilia to look at and reminisce over. Maybe you have something from your days at the school that would fit into our display. We would love to have any vintage Flaget items you might wish to donate.