



The Flaget Museum

Xaverian Hall
St. Xavier High School Campus



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Today we honor the Xaverian Brothers who are credited with the education received at Flaget High School. In trying to write an appropriate blurb, which would coincide with today's celebration, I found that I could do no better than to reprint the following article from The Louisville Daily Journal, which appeared on July 4th. 1867.

"The Roman Catholic Church is justly distinguished for its great zeal and success in the cause of education. It has created many systems and founded many orders for the attainment of this laudable object. But probably few or none of these agencies have excelled in potency the order of St. Francis Xavier. This holy brotherhood, having for its sole purpose the conversion of youth into worthy Christians and good and useful citizens, was instituted in the city of Bruges, Belgium, about twenty-six years ago. It is therefore comparatively young in its career. There are but two Xaverian institutes in America, that known as St. Mary's Industrial School in Baltimore, and the one in this city. The latter, situated on Fourth Street, between Chestnut and Broadway adjoining St. Joseph's Infirmary, was established in 1854, with Brother Peter (the present official) as Superior. He resided in Europe for the six or seven years preceding 1866, when he returned to this Diocese and was reinstated as Superior. The Institute first occupied St. Patrick's Church, on Thirteenth Street, in the year 1854. It afterwards removed to a building on Eighth Street, and again was located on Green Street. In 1864 the building at present occupied was completed, having been built by the several Catholic congregations in the city. The edifice is very commodious, and is erected in the neatest and most substantial manner. The Xaverian Brothers, by which the Institute is conducted number in all thirty-two, of whom sixteen are professed brothers, eight novices, and eight postulantes. The professed brothers take a vow of eternal celibacy, renounce their baptismal names, and subscribe to other conditions by which they forever separate themselves from the world and devote their time and abilities to the education of the youthful mind and the salvation of souls. At present the Institute is in a highly prosperous state. The total number of pupils enrolled is one hundred and eighteen. The ages of the boys range from six to seventeen years. This Institute is the grand focal point from whence diverge all but one of the Catholic schools in Louisville."

The Flaget Museum is, as always accepting vintage memorabilia from the school. Landmark newspapers, athletic awards, as well as most any other Flaget related items are sought. Bring your item(s) to any alumni luncheon, drop them off at the museum, or call me at the above telephone number if you need the items to be picked up. If you have not visited the museum I think you would find it well worth your time to do so.