



XAVIER SOCIETY for the BLIND

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Thank you for your interest in Xavier Society for the Blind. This information is divided into four parts: Part One gives a brief history of our agency; Part Two describes who is eligible; Part Three explains how to apply; Part Four explains how we are funded and Part Five lists our services.

PART ONE: OUR HISTORY: The Xavier Society for the Blind is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization founded in 1900. Its mission of helping to make The Word accessible is inspired by Christ's ministry on earth, "... that those without sight may see."

In the early years, Xavier Society for the Blind was the only Catholic publishing house in the United States which served the blind, and it provided all materials free of charge. Its first major undertaking was a transcription of the Bible into Braille.

In the following years, Xavier Society for the Blind continued its pioneering mission by adding large print and audiocassette formats for the visually impaired to complement the Braille format for religious and inspirational materials.

As a result, Xavier Society for the Blind now has the oldest and one of the largest U.S. Catholic libraries in English for the blind and visually impaired, with more than 2000 titles of spiritual and inspirational reading materials. Many of the titles are available in all three formats: Braille, Large Print, and CD MP3.

More than one hundred years after our founding, Xavier Society for the Blind currently assists about 5000 English-speaking people in the United States and Canada, and more than 300 people in other English-speaking countries worldwide. Services continue to be without charge.

PART TWO: WHO IS ELIGIBLE? Blind, deaf-blind, severely visually-impaired and print-disabled who cannot read or handle standard print material are eligible. Those who reside in the United States or Canada may receive materials in any of the available formats: Braille, Large Print, or Audio. For residents

of other countries, we offer The Catholic Review, The Propers of the Sunday Masses and the Liturgical Calendar but only in the BRAILLE format. No Xavier Society for the Blind LENDING LIBRARY materials are permitted to circulate outside of the U.S. and Canada.

PART THREE: HOW TO APPLY: In order to register, an eligible person must submit both an application and a certification form. The latter is to be completed by a qualified person or agency with direct knowledge of the applicant's condition. These forms may be obtained through the following:

- (1) Xavier Society for the Blind
154 East 23rd Street
New York, N.Y. 10010
- (2) Phone: 1-800-637-9193 or 212-473-7800
- (3) Email: clientservices@xaviersocietyfortheblind.org
- (4) Web-Site: www.xaviersocietyfortheblind.org

Whenever possible, Xavier Society for the Blind prefers to deal DIRECTLY with the "reader" (user of its services), rather than through an intermediary. But when several users of our services live in the same residence, we prefer a

"Coordinator System" in which a volunteer coordinator acts as the liaison between the Xavier Society and all of the vision-impaired residents who use our services.

PART FOUR: How We Are Funded: From our founding to the present, Xavier Society for the Blind has a tradition of providing our services free of charge. To support this important ministry, we depend on the contributed services of volunteers, the donations of loyal benefactors, grants from charitable foundations, and remembrances in the wills of people (including some readers, their families or friends) who appreciate the work of the Xavier Society for the Blind.

Many readers start with the bi-monthly Catholic Review. Our Editor scans 15 or more current Catholic periodicals to select articles which seem most likely to interest our readers.

Another popular service is The Propers of the Sunday Masses, containing the Scripture readings and prayers used at Mass for each Sunday, Holy Day of the month, and first Friday of the month.

All library materials must be returned within two months in the special containers supplied by the Xavier Society for the Blind. Other materials may be kept or passed along to another visually impaired person.

PART FIVE:

Xavier Society for the Blind
ON-GOING PERIODICAL SERVICES
(Subject to change)

NOTE: This is the size type used (21 point) in Xavier Society Large Print Publications. Our digital services are on CD's in MP3 format and are playable on most new, standard CD players.

LARGE PRINT

L002 Catholic Review (bi-monthly)

L003 Propers of the Sunday Masses (monthly)

BRAILLE

B002 Catholic Review (bi-monthly)

B003 Propers of the Sunday Masses (monthly)

CD MP3

- D002 Catholic Review (bi-monthly)
- D003 Propers of the Sunday Masses (monthly)
- D005 Liguorian (monthly)
- D006 Our Sunday Visitor (weekly)
- D007 Review for Religious (quarterly)
- D008 ONE (bi-monthly)
- D009 Maryknoll (monthly)
- D010 Bible Today (bi-monthly)
- D012 America (weekly)
- D014 Catholic Digest (monthly)
- D016 Living Faith (quarterly)
- D017 St. Anthony Messenger (monthly)

LENDING LIBRARY: Braille, Large Print, CD MP3
in these categories:

Bible
Biography
Catholic Church
Christian Living
Doctrine
Jesus Christ
Liturgy
Mary
Personal Growth
Poetry, Stories
Prayer
Sacraments
Spiritual Life
Vatican Documents

ALSO AVAILABLE: (inquire)

Catechetical Texts (limited)
Catechism of the Catholic Church
Holy Rosary
Holy Week Triduum
Liturgical Calendar
Liturgy of the Hours
New American Bible (revised ed.)
Prayers and Devotions
Rite of the Mass
Stations of the Cross

N.B. All readers receive XAVIER
REVIEW, our bi-monthly
newsletter, in preferred format.