



# Xavier Society for the Blind

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SERVING GOD AND THE BLIND SINCE 1900

Thank you for your interest in the Xavier Society for the Blind. The Xavier Society for the Blind is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization founded in 1900. Its mission is to help make God's Word accessible.

The Xavier Society for the Blind today has one of the largest U.S. Catholic libraries in English for the blind and visually impaired, with more than 3,000 titles of spiritual and inspirational reading materials. Many of the titles are available in both braille and digital audio formats.

Currently, we assist almost 4,000 readers in the United States and Canada, and more than 300 people in other English-speaking countries worldwide. Services are provided without charge

## **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 braille and audio.

## **HOW TO APPLY**

In order to register, an eligible person must submit both an application and a certification form. This form may be obtained through the following:

- (1) Xavier Society for the Blind  
248 West 35th Street, Suite 1502  
New York, N.Y. 10001-2505
- (2) Phone: 1-800-637-9193 or 212-473-7800
- (3) Email: [info@xaviersocietyfortheblind.org](mailto:info@xaviersocietyfortheblind.org)
- (4) Web-Site: [www.xaviersocietyfortheblind.org](http://www.xaviersocietyfortheblind.org)

Whenever possible, Xavier Society for the Blind prefers to deal DIRECTLY with the "reader" (user of its services). But when several users of our services live in the same residence, we do allow 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.

## 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.

## WHAT IS AVAILABLE

Many readers receive the quarterly *Catholic Review*. Our editor scans a wide range of 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, Feast Days of the month, and First Friday and First Saturday.

Braille materials may be kept by the reader. Audio library materials must be returned within two months in the special containers supplied by the Xavier Society for the Blind.

## **BRAILLE**

*Catholic Review* (quarterly)

*Xavier Review* (quarterly)

*Mass Propers* (Monthly)

Library Books (on request)

## **AUDIO**

*Catholic Review* (Available only online)

*Xavier Review* (Available only online)

*The Propers of the Sunday Masses* (Available only online)

Digital recordings of periodicals are available online for download by registered users.

Magazines include *Our Sunday Visitor*, *Maryknoll*, *Liguorian*, *America*, *Catholic Digest*, and *Jesuits*.

There is an online catalogue of both audio and braille library offerings and special offers.

## **BRaille *SPIRITUAL ENHANCERS***

- (1) Christian Prayer or Liturgy of the Hours  
(Morning & Evening Prayers): Sundays of Advent, Immaculate Conception, Ash Wednesday, Sundays of Lent, Passion (Palm) Sunday, Easter Triduum, Night Prayer
- (2) Holy Week Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday Propers
- (3) Manual of Prayers & Devotions: Collection of traditional & contemporary prayers, including the Stations of the Cross
- (4) New American Bible (Revised Ed.), 45 vols.
- (5) Praying the Rosary
- (6) Rite of the Holy Mass (Ordinary): The unchanging prayers of Mass