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Hello, Francis here again. Belated Happy Easter to all. Up here during the Easter season, I have been chatting with the deceased members of our faculty. Being a teacher myself, I can very much relate to the joy, fulfillment and sometimes frustration they experienced teaching us. However, to a man they have all said how proud that they are to have been a small part of each of our individual and collective success and character.

Although they would selflessly never expect an "Attaboy" now or any time during their career, I do know how much they would appreciate a THANK YOU. Please respond back to my email or post on our blog page, [ST. XAVIER CLASS OF 1976](#), to acknowledge any faculty member (living or deceased) who left their fingerprint on your life. Don't be shy. I know they would like to hear from you.

To help warm up your memory, I have listed below some of the career highlights and obituaries that St. Xavier has provided. Space only allows that I highlight a few of the faculty. For a more exhaustive list of faculty obituaries, please go to our class blog at <https://stx76.org/faculty-and-staff-memoriam/>.

Tom Ballaban



Thomas N. Ballaban beloved husband of Claire Ballaban (Hennekes) of 62 years died peacefully in his sleep Christmas morning 12-25-14. Loving father of Patti Klotz, Sue (Jerry) Cash, Karen Ballaban, Sandy (Rick) Mueller, Lorie (Tom) MacDonald & Nicole (John) Prather. Pops of Thomas (Cindy) & Julia Klotz, Matthew & Sarah Cash, AJ (Ryan), Maggie & Kate Mueller, Brian (Jess), Patrick & Will MacDonald, Nicholas, Luke & Claire Prather. Great grandfather of Isabelle, Reagan & Dylan Klotz and Skylar Mueller. Brother of Pete (Ann) & Matt (Mary) Ballaban. Brother-in-law of Janet (Charles) Ellis & Ed (Margy) Hennekes. BAL will be greatly missed by the entire St. Xavier High School and Xavier University communities.

In addition to 45 years at St. Xavier and head football coach for the Bombers from 1953 to 1977, he was a standout athlete at Xavier University, which reports that Bal, as we all fondly remember him, was one of the unsung heroes on the Xavier front line when the Musketeers won the 1950 Salad Bowl, the forerunner of today's Fiesta Bowl.

Bal was a fiery 6-foot, 200-pound offensive guard from Donora, Pennsylvania and had an outstanding high school career before enlisting into the Army, where he continued to play football. While in the Army, he was named Army All-America and All-Pennsylvania.

Bal was a three-year starter on the offensive line and was an instrumental force on the Salad Bowl team that finished 10-1. Xavier posted victories over Dayton, Miami of Ohio, Cincinnati and Arizona State (33-12 in Salad Bowl on New Year's Day, 1950) that year.

During that 1949 season, he established himself as one of the premier offensive linemen in the area. At the conclusion of the season, he was named to the All-Ohio Team and was named 1950 Honorable Mention All-Ohio.

Paul Lammermeier



Paul lives on through the legacy of the work of the Paul Lammermeier Foundation, <https://www.lammermeier.org/>, which provides housing in Lima, Peru, to children without parental support centered on family and the Jesuit values of education and service to others. The foundation fulfills this work by operating three homes in Lima. Below is an excerpt from Paul's obituary. It is hard for me to add to this tribute to his life and his life's work.

PAUL J. LAMMERMEIER August 21, 1939 - August 17, 2022 On August 17, 2022 in Lima, Peru, Paul "Pablo" Lammermeier slipped quietly away to God and the eternal bliss of that warm embrace. And as St. Augustine noted, "Our loved ones only go from us to God...and God is very near." Paul was born in suburban Cleveland, Ohio, August 21, 1939. Paul's working class parents, Howard and Lucille, decided early on that Paul and his two younger brothers, Jim and Ken, would benefit from a Catholic education. So, at significant financial sacrifice, the three brothers attended St. Francis Xavier Parochial School and later, St. Ignatius High School. Paul blossomed both academically and spiritually at St. Ignatius. Upon graduation in 1957, Paul entered the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). As a Jesuit scholastic, he returned to St. Ignatius from 1964-1967, teaching History and Latin and serving as Assistant Athletic Director and as Prefect at the morning Liturgies. On weekends, he ran the local Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) basketball league. During his ten years in the Jesuits, Paul received an excellent education in Philosophy and the Humanities. He received an AB degree from Loyola University (Chicago) in 1963 and an MA in 1968, majoring in History. More importantly, he embraced Ignatian spirituality, seeing God in every person and every thing - and made this central to his life.

In 1968, Paul made a major life change and withdrew from the Jesuits. During his years teaching at St. Ignatius High School, Paul had found his true calling as a teacher. To further prepare, he returned to school, entering a doctoral program at Kent State University, where he majored in American History with an emphasis on African American History. Those years were integral to the formation of Paul's social consciousness as he studied the American Black experience and that of other minorities within American society. In the spring of 1974, St. Xavier High School in Cincinnati, Ohio hired Paul to teach and formally establish its Community Service Program. Over the next fourteen years, Paul dedicated his life to instilling in his students the attitudes consistent with Jesuit philosophy and service to the

needy in one's community. This service included assistance to the terminally ill, tutoring disadvantaged youth, a Junior Big Brothers Program, canned food drives, etc. During his final year at St. Xavier, over five hundred students, just under 50%, participated in the Community Service Program. The program continues to thrive and has become a hallmark of the school on a national basis, even though Paul has been away from the school for almost thirty-five years.

In 1983, Paul made the first of several mission trips to Peru, each trip longer than the last. After a six-month visit teaching, learning the language, and working with the poor, Paul felt a calling to be a missionary in Peru. Five years later, in 1988, Paul sold his house and belongings, left everything that he loved and put himself in the hands of the Lord. Paul was hired to teach English and History and begin a small community service program at Colegio San Francisco Javier, a Jesuit high school in the Brena neighborhood of Peru's capital, Lima. Through Paul's community service work, he came to know many homeless Peruvian boys.

In 1992, he took one and later a second teenage boy into his small, 400 square foot apartment. With his meager teacher's salary of \$250. per month and unsolicited financial assistance from a handful of friends in the States, Paul was able to provide the essentials for these two boys: Edgar and Donato. Yet, Paul sensed that God was calling him to do more. On a trip back to the United States, Paul told some of his former St. Xavier students and friends of a home he envisioned for homeless boys. A dozen of these friends formed a non-profit organization with the sole purpose of providing funds for Paul's efforts. Thus, the Paul Lammermeier Foundation (PLF) was created in 1995. PLF board members administer the foundation and the raising of its funds. By April 1997, the foundation, with the financial support of hundreds whom Paul had met while living in Cincinnati and Cleveland, had raised enough money to purchase Casa Javier (Xavier House) in Breña, a working class neighborhood in Lima. Casa Javier serves up to eight boys -- all studying, all from desperate circumstances in the provinces of Peru and all provided an opportunity to further their education in a family environment. At that time Fr. Robert J. Welsh, President of St. Ignatius H.S., noted: "Clearly, the Lord has done something wonderful with Paul Lammermeier. He must have a knowledge of Christ that has transformed him into a man who is forgetful of himself and consistently alert to the needs of others - especially those in grave need."

A few years later, the Paul and the foundation opened a second home for boys, Casa Ignacio (Ignatius House), and in 2011, Paul and the foundation opened Casa Teresa (named in honor of Mother Teresa) for girls. Paul always saw himself continuing in this project as long as God gave him the strength to do so, and presumably he still will. In early August 2022, Diego Vilela, Director of Casa Javier and longtime friend and companion to Paul commented: "Being a saint is not being extraordinary or performing miracles; it is simply being a reflection of a human Jesus on a daily basis. Transmit light and hope to other lives. I believe that Pablo is that for each one of us..."

Paul is survived by his brothers, Jim and Ken, his dear aunt, Sister Madeline Lammermeier, numerous cousins, and his wider family, including the dozens of boys and girls he raised in Lima (many now with their own children and some Paul's Godchildren), board and staff of the Paul Lammermeier Foundation in Cincinnati and Asociacion Casa Javier in Lima, and hundreds of friends, colleagues and benefactors worldwide.

Paul Zook



ZOOK, PAUL R. St. Xavier '57 born July 22, 1939 passed away peacefully at home at age 86 on November 9, 2025. Preceded in death by his beloved wife, Marianne (nee Fellingner), survived by his children, Sarah Koetting (Steve), Paul (Michelle), and Annie Lawrence (Patrick). He was the doting grandfather of Noah, Dalton Lawrence '29, and Joey. Paul was a proud graduate of St. Xavier High School (class of 1957), and of Xavier and Loyola universities. He went on to a successful career at St. Xavier HS as a teacher, coach, and eventually Director of Development. He will be remembered for his integrity, humor, and ability to build lasting friendships. But Paul is most known for his love and devotion to his family, especially his wife, Marianne, and truly lived his life as a "Man for Others", in the Ignatian principle of "ad maiorem Dei gloriam"- for the greater glory of God. As a good friend said, "Your dad's spirit was larger than life, and now it's released into the heavens". He will be deeply missed and remembered by the countless lives he touched.

Godspeed, Francis

I am sending this email to you and other members of the St. Xavier High School Class of 1976 in full brotherhood with the St. Xavier High School Class of 1976 reunion committee. We are sending these emails in preparation for our 50th reunion May 28-30. Although my fellow Jesuits have graciously named the high school to honor my service to the Lord, this email, as well as all other emails and communications from the reunion committee in no way speak for or are on behalf of St. Xavier High School in Cincinnati. My reunion committee brethren have obtained your contact information from members of the St. Xavier High School Class of 1976, who want to help spread the good news of the 50th reunion. We will not share your contact information with anyone including St. Xavier High School without your permission. If any of our communications offend, annoy, bore, or invade your sense of privacy and you'd like me to remove you from our email distribution list, please let me know by replying back to me.

AMDG, Francis Xavier