

Father Ben Urmston

Fr. Ben spent a semester at Xavier in 1943 before entering the Army Specialized Training Program, similar to the current ROTC program. He enlisted and served both in Germany and the Philippines during World War II. The seeds of peace grew after seeing the destruction of war, which set him on a life-long path to work for peace and justice. Through correspondence with a Jesuit in the United States, he decided to become a Jesuit himself. 2016 marks his 70th year as a Jesuit! Fr. Ben returned to Xavier in 1971 in Campus Ministry.



“I thought becoming a Jesuit priest would help make the world a better place.”