

# Principal of Christian Brothers dies

Rudolf Schulze recalled as 'the epitome of a Catholic educator.'

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The principal of Christian Brothers High School, Rudolf Schulze, died in a solo car accident early Saturday, his 51st birthday.

The accident occurred just after 3 a.m. Saturday. Schulze, who was alone in the car, was traveling southbound on Highway 65 near the Pleasant Grove overpass. Witnesses said the car drifted and then crossed the center and rolled into a guardrail, California Highway Patrol Sgt. Dan Fugate said.

The 2002 Volkswagen Jetta had only minor damage, and there was no visible trauma to the driver, indicating Schulze may have had some sort of medical emergency, Fugate said.

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Rudolf Schulze

The ex-priest, who came to the Oak Park high school in 2002, was known for strong principles and concern for his students.

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The president of Christian Brothers High School, Lorcan P. Barnes, said it is believed that Schulze had a heart attack while driving.

As word of his death spread, it left a school community stunned and mourning for a man known for his principled stands and commitment to young people.

"He cared deeply for the total well-being of the kids," said Lon Burford, a former Christian Brothers board member who has sent two children to the school.

"He cared not only for the academic development of the students, but also their spiritual development."

At the football stadium at American River College, Saturday night's Christian Brothers football game was dedicated to Schulze's memory. Parents and students had warm words for their principal.

"He was a person who believed in progressive education, family and service," said Vickie Firch, whose son, Bart, is a junior. "He inspired the students to look for places to give back to the community."

Schulze came to the Catholic college preparatory high school in Oak Park in 2002. He was known for writing passionate monthly newsletters to families that challenged the Christian Brothers community and often touched on sensitive subjects, such as drug abuse and teenage health issues.

One spring as prom was approaching, for example, he wrote of his concern about students spending hundreds of dollars on fancy clothing, artificial tans, limousines and other costly expenses. He urged students to consider the less fortunate in the community, and ultimately banned the use of limousines for school dances, Burford said.

"He really challenged the kids," Burford said. "It was all part of his bigger message, about serving and caring for the community."

Prior to coming to Christian Brothers, Schulze served at De La Salle High School in Concord in various capacities for 13 years, according to a news release put out by Barnes. Earlier in his life, Schulze had been a priest, Burford said.

Schulze, who was single, is survived by his paternal grandmother, mother, two brothers and a sister.

Saturday afternoon, faculty and staff assembled in the school chapel to pray and share memories. Barnes said the school's administration will gather the students in prayer on Monday and provide grief counselors.

"Mr. Schulze was the epitome of a Catholic educator — religious, compassionate and wise," Barnes said.

Schulze's death was the latest in a string of tragedies to hit the school on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

In December of 2003, Sharmelia Jeffries, a 17-year-old Christian Brothers student, was killed in a hit-and-run accident involving a drunken driver. Less than a month later, another student, 17-year-old Matthew Prentice, died in a single-car accident on Interstate 80.

During Saturday night's game against Galt, Schulze's death weighed heavily on the minds of football players, cheerleaders, teachers and parents. Huddled under raincoats and umbrellas, they spoke of the loss.

Renee Campos, a senior cheerleader, recalled how difficult it was to cope with the deaths of classmates, and how the principal had helped.

"We were all hurting and he helped us through it all," Campos said.

Jerry Raulinaitis, the father of a junior football player, said he heard the news earlier in the day and wondered if the game would be played.

After a moment of silence in Schulze's memory, the varsity game proceeded in the rain.

"He would have wanted the kids to play," Raulinaitis said of Schulze. "We are going to miss him."

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## Principal: Challenged students on values



**SCHULZE, Rudolf Arthur**  
(1953-2004)

Passed away on October 23, 2004 - his 51st birthday. Most recently the Principal of Christian Brothers High School in Sacramento, Rudy devoted his life to serving others. As a member of the Society of Jesus for 15 years, Rudy was a dynamic faculty member at both Bellarmine College Preparatory in San Jose and St. Ignatius College Preparatory in San Francisco. Rudy continued his vocation in Catholic education at De La Salle High School in Concord for 15 years before arriving at Christian Brothers in the summer of 2002. A gentle, loving man of deep faith and sparkling wit, Rudy's humility disguised a true Renaissance man: he was an ordained priest, scholar, actor, author, linguist, pianist, gourmet cook, world traveler, and sports fan. He found the good in all and saw great possibilities where others saw only problems. His accomplishments were many and exceeded only by his capacity to love. Rudy is survived by his grandmother Georgette ("Achi"), mother Angie, his siblings Greg, Cindy and Derek, and aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and godchildren. He is also survived by hundreds of friends, students, parents, and parishioners whose lives he deeply touched. He will be greatly missed. A Memorial Mass will be held on Thursday, October 28, at 6:30 PM, in the Christian Brothers High School gymnasium in Sacramento. A Memorial Mass will also be held at 12 noon on Saturday, October 30, at Holy Name of Jesus Church, 3240 Lawton Street in San Francisco. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in his name to Christian Brothers High School, 4315 Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd., Sacramento, 95820.



MR. RUDY SCHULZE

October 23, 1953

October 23, 2004

*"I regret very little  
and am thankful for  
everything."*

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*Memorial Mass  
for Mr. Rudy Schulze*

Christian Brothers High School

October 28, 2004

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Introductory Rites

*Welcome & Reflection*

Rex Flores and Roxanne Campos

Let us remember ... that we are in the holy presence of God.

*Gathering Song:* "Be Not Afraid"

Bob Dufford, S.J.

You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.  
You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way.  
You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand  
You shall see the face of God and live.

**Refrain: Be not afraid, I go before you always.**

**Come follow me, and I will give you rest.**

If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.  
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.  
If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side,  
Know that I am with you through it all. (Refrain)

Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs.  
Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh.  
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you all because of me,  
Blessed, blessed are you! (Refrain)

## Opening Prayer

# Liturgy of the Word

**First Reading:** Isaiah 25: 6-9

Read by: Francesca Arostegui

**Responsorial Psalm:** "On Eagle's Wings" – text adapted from Psalm 91

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
Who abide in His shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord: "My refuge,  
My rock in whom I trust!"

**Refrain:**     **And he will raise you up on eagle's wings**  
                  **Bear you on the breath of dawn,**  
                  **Make you to shine like the sun,**  
                  **And hold you in the palm of his hand.**

You need not fear the terror of the night,  
Nor the arrow that flies by day:  
Though thousands fall about you,  
Near you it shall not come. (Refrain)

For to his angels he's given a command  
To guard you in all of your ways;  
Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

**Second Reading:** 2 Corinthians 5: 1, 6-10   Read by: Bryan Caselli



**Alleluia Verse:** God so loved the world, he gave us his only Son,  
That all who believe in him might have eternal life

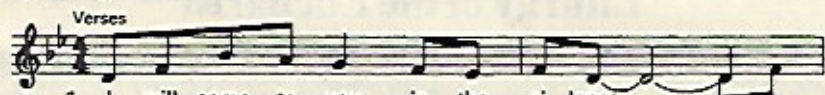
**Gospel:** Luke 24: 13-16, 28-35

**Homily**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

## Closing Song: "You Are Mine"

David Haas



1. I will come to you in the si-lence,
2. I am hope for all who are hope-less,
3. I am strength for all the de-spair-ing,
4. am the Word that leads all to free-dom,



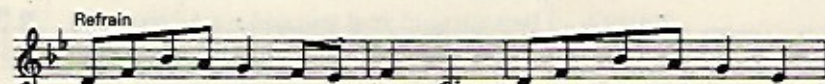
1. I will lift you from \_\_\_\_\_ all your fear.
2. I am eyes for all who long to see. In the
3. heal-ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
4. am the peace the world \_\_\_\_\_ can-not give.



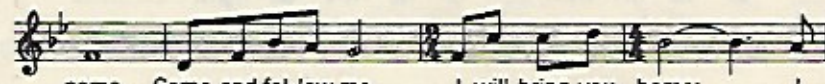
1. You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be
2. shad-ows of the night, \_\_\_\_\_ I will be your light, \_\_\_\_\_
3. All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
4. I will call your name, em-brac-ing all your pain, stand



1. still and know I am here. (to Vs. 2)
2. come and rest in me. (to Refrain)
3. all will know my name. (to Refrain)
4. up, now walk, and live! (to Refrain)



Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine. (4. 1)

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# Liturgy of the Eucharist

**Offertory Song:** "Come Unto Me"

Bob Hurd

**REFRAIN:**



Come, come un-to me; \_\_\_\_\_ I will make you a jew - el.  
 Pre-cious and rare \_\_\_\_\_ the glo-ry you'll bear \_\_\_\_\_ in the crown of

**Fine VERSES:**



God. \_\_\_\_\_

1. There are deeds you a - lone must do; there are  
 2. From the dawn of cre - a - tion, from the

1. words on-ly you can say. \_\_\_\_\_ Trust in me, and do not trem-  
 2. tree on - Cal-va - ry, \_\_\_\_\_ I chose you and gave my life. \_\_\_\_\_

1. ble, for I go with you to show you the way. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. \_\_\_\_\_ to be my own, \_\_\_\_\_ to be my de-light. \_\_\_\_\_

to Refrain

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## Presentation of the Gifts

### Preface Acclamation



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might.  
 Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na, ho -  
 san-na on high. Bless-ed is he who comes in the  
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -  
 san - na in the high-est. Ho-san-na, ho-san-na on high.

**Memorial Acclamation:**

Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come, will come a-gain.

**Great Amen:**

A - men. A - men. Al - le - lu - ia, a - men. men.

**Communion Rite**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**The Sign of Peace**

**Communion**

*Those who are not Catholic and who would like to come up to receive a blessing may indicate that by crossing their arms across their chest when they reach the front of the Communion line.*

**Communion Song**

“One Bread, One Body”

John Foley, S.J.

Refrain

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all,  
 one cup of bless-ing which we bless. And we, though  
 man-y, through-out the earth, we are one bod-y in this

Verses

one Lord.

1. Gen-tile or Jew,	ser-vant or
2. Man-y the gifts,	man-y the
3. Grain for the fields,	scat-tered and

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1. free,	wom-an or man,	no more.
2. works,	one in the Lord	of all.
3. grown,	gath-ered to one,	for all.

## Communion Song

"Taste and See"

James Moore

Refrain

Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness  
of the Lord. O taste and see, taste and  
see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness'. The second staff continues with 'of the Lord. O taste and see, taste and'. The third staff concludes with 'see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the last note.

*Cantor:* I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall always be on my lips;  
my soul shall glory in the Lord  
for he has been so good to me. (All: *Refrain*)

*Cantor:* Glorify the Lord with me, together let us all praise his name.  
I called the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my troubles he set me free. (All: *Refrain*)

*Cantor:* Worship the Lord, all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask.  
Taste and see that God is good;  
In him we need put all our trust. (All: *Refrain*)

*Cantor:* Go out and spread the Good News; in word and deed, feed God's people.  
Bring bread of redemption to the hungry.  
Pour out your justice to the poor. (All: *Refrain*)

## Communion Reflection: "Cloths of Heaven" arr. Z. Randall Stroope

Had I the heavens' embroidered cloths,  
Enwrought with golden and silver light,  
The blue and the dim and the dark cloths  
Of night and light and the half-light,  
I would spread the cloths under your feet.  
But I, being poor, have only my dreams;  
I have spread my dreams under your feet;  
Tread softly because you tread on my dreams. [William Butler Yeats]

## Prayer After Communion

*Reflections:* Amanda Plasencia, Joseph Schlosser,  
Mr. Kevin Haag, Br. George Van Grieken, FSC

## Final Blessing