

"I, the undersigned, Superior General of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, acknowledge with joy and gratitude your outstanding collaboration with our Institute, the quality of your personal life inspired by Lasallian spirituality, and your active and long-lasting participation in our work of education..."

Br. Alvaro Rodriguez Echeverria

Superior General, Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools

CB's Joe Guilherme Receives Highest Lasallian Honor "Affiliation"

The highest honor that the Brothers of the Christian Schools can bestow upon an individual, who is not a Christian Brother, is that of Affiliation. On Saturday, May 8, Christian Brothers from as far away as Washington and Los Angeles, and throughout Northern California gathered with CB's facility manager, Joe Guilherme, and his family and friends for a celebratory mass and presentation of the Letter of Affiliation.

The honor, which can only be given with the approval of the Generalate in Rome, is a symbol of deep appreciation for the shared beliefs and values of religious faith, love for young people, enthusiasm for Christian and human education, sensitivity for the needs of the poor and a commitment to the ideals of St. John Baptist de La Salle.

"Joe Guilherme has served our community for 45 years," says Br. Donald Johanson, FSC. "In that time, he has worked faithfully and tirelessly to support the works of the Brothers and to promote the



Previous recipients of this honor in the history of Christian Brothers High School include:

Most Reverend Robert J. Armstrong
Jerome Keating '41
Roger Slakey
Albert Westlake

ideals of St. John Baptist de La Salle."

"It was love at first sight," says a smiling Joe Guilherme, when asked about his first day of work at Christian Brothers High School. "My cousin worked at the school and told me about a part-time job. I walked on to campus and fell in love. I didn't want to leave."

More than 45 years later, Guilherme still feels the same way.

"I love coming to work. My favorite time of the day is the morning," says Guilherme. "At about 6:30, I start my walk and begin unlocking doors. The campus is so quiet. I get to look around and just enjoy it."

"Though Joe is not a classroom teacher, the work he does is essential to every facet of our students' experience," says Lorcan Barnes, President. "Joe's efforts have a direct impact on every classroom, athletic event, and extra-curricular activity on this campus. He is the man behind the magic curtain."