

Principal Rudolf Schulze (1953-2004)

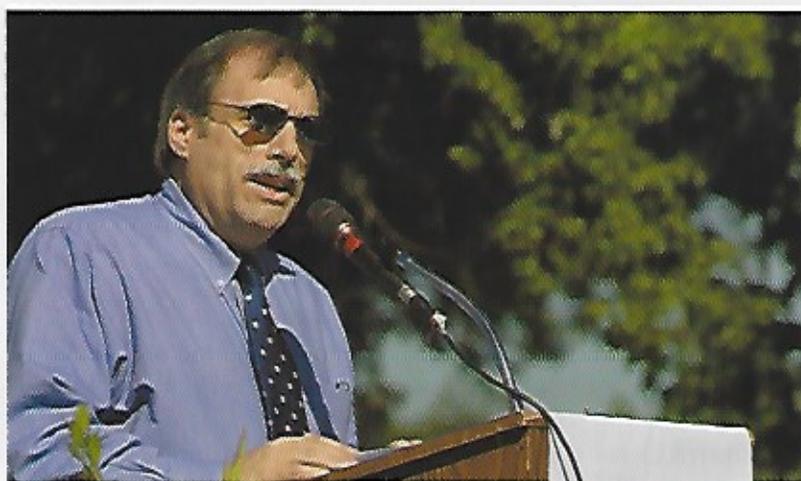
PASSED AWAY ON OCTOBER 23, 2004 - his 51st birthday. As the Principal of Christian Brothers High School in Sacramento, Rudy devoted his life to serving others. As a member of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) for 15 years, Rudy was a dynamic faculty member at both Bellarmine College Preparatory in San Jose 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.

The following are a few of many Guest Book entries provided by the *Sacramento Bee*.

Rudy- I couldn't have been more privileged to meet and work with you these past two years. You always took the time to involve yourself and make sure that every person who came to the campus felt welcomed and a part of the CB family. I saw nothing but warmth and kindness in your friendly smile and I know that your wisdom touched the hearts of many. Please know that you were an angel to us here just as much as you are now and we will miss you tremendously. You will always be in our hearts and you will forever have a place in the Christian Brothers family. Take care and may you be happily cooking wherever you are.
With love,

Eva Cantu '00, (Sacramento)

I have many memories of Rudy, but my favorite memories are of his quick, daily walk-through



Mr. Schulze delivers a gospel reflection at the Mass of the Holy Spirit

of the office. As the Assistant Dean of Students, I would often have my children of God "doing detention" in the Attendance Office. Rudy would often bustle through with the words, "Are we here for awards?" His sense of humor, as well as his wonderful gift of selflessness, made every person feel recognized, valued, loved, and respected.

I miss my friend dearly, and yet I thank God for allowing us the opportunity to know and work with Rudy, albeit for too short a time.

Sr. Diana Francis, RSM, CB Faculty Member (Sacramento)

Rudy has made many significant contributions to the Christian Brothers' District of San Francisco. In the Office of Education we often called on his wisdom and insight as someone who knew and lived the Lasallian Mission with all his heart.

I will miss him so much as he often made me laugh when I needed to be less serious. He became one of my good friends and someone I relied on when I needed good and sound advice. I will miss his "check-in" phone calls and wit and humor. As many of us continue to serve on behalf of the Brothers and the mission, Rudy will be a constant reminder as to how we touch the hearts of young people entrusted to our care.
God Bless you Rudy and thank you,

Robert Jordan, CB Trustee (Napa)

He made me smile, and made me think. There is no greater gift - one that continues with me to this day. Peace Rudy.

Michael Parker, (South San Francisco)

I'll miss Rudy. I relied on his judgment and sensibilities. He spoke so well, but first he listened. He was a master of time management. He never appeared rushed. I thought he was very smart.

In many ways, Rudy seemed to be a contradiction. He was complicated and simple. He was shy and he was outgoing. He was a people person. He could be clever and silly at the same time. Rudy was charming.

June McBride, CBHS Director of Finance (Sacramento)

All we remember was his smile and gentle spirit the night of freshman orientation. I knew after meeting him that CBHS was where God wanted our triplet boys. He will be greatly missed. Yet I know he is in a better place. God is faithful and will help CB and its staff and family through this sad time.

Pamela & Kevin Rappleye, CB parents (Sacramento) ■