



WELCOME TO THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL
AMBASSADORS' CLUB DINNER

THE EIGHTEENTH OF OCTOBER
TWO THOUSAND TWELVE
RON LIMEBERGER '53 GYMNASIUM

Program

- 6:00 PM.....**Reception**
Music by Dolce Fuoco
Travis Maslen, Conductor
- 6:45 PM**Welcome**
Lorcan Barnes, President
- Invocation**
Most Reverend Jaime Soto, Bishop of Sacramento
- Dinner**
- 7:45 PM.....**President's Remarks**
- Student Performance**
Directed by Ron Slabbinck and Connor Mickiewicz
Cast of *Godspell*
"Prepare Ye" and "Day by Day"
- Comments on Philanthropy**
Bobby Cobbs, CFRE, Vice President of Philanthropy
- 8:20 PM.....**Ambassadors of the Year Award**
Bill '73 and Helen Pierson
- 8:45 PM.....**Closing Remarks**

Cast of "Godspell"

Dylan Santana '14
Will Legrand '16
Logan Tipton '15
Giovanni Salcedo '13
Brandon Meyer '13
Domenic Tavianini '14
Maddy Mason '16
Katy Vrame '15
Sarah Hotz '13
Camille Peters '13
Allison Lian '14
Kelsey Pfirman '13
Sylvia Francisco '13
Marisol Figueroa '13 (stage manager)
Maura Tomassetti '15 (asst. stage manager)

Dolce Fuoco

Joseph Krieg '14
Vincent Salazar '14
Sean Bland '14
Damian Thompson '16
Nia Hagelis '15
Niki Pineda '13
Taylor Ross '15
Chris Martin '16
Finn Whetstone '15
Hamilton Connor '14
Kristen Pineda '15

Bartenders

Stephen Achondo '81
Mike Havey '69
Mike McCarthy '80

A special thank you to CB's Student Ambassadors who helped in making this a memorable evening.



October 18, 2012

Dear Ambassadors and Friends of Christian Brothers:

Welcome to the 28th annual Ambassadors' Club Dinner. Your presence here tonight signals your deep commitment to the students of today, and your dedication to advancing the mission of the Christian Brothers in Sacramento.

While much has changed in our 137 years in Sacramento, we hold steadfast to the tradition of our Founder, St. John Baptist de La Salle, and his insistence on finding and fostering the gifts unique to every student. We have outstanding programs in academics, the arts, athletics and Christian service. With your help, we are able to provide more than \$1.9 million of tuition assistance to 356 students. The Class of 2012 gained admission to many of the nation's most respected colleges and universities. And, I am proud to say that our students, alumni, faculty and staff shine as living examples of faith throughout Sacramento and beyond.

Exciting things are happening at CB today. We are currently preparing to begin construction of a 16,500 square-foot performing arts building that will give our students a dedicated place to find, foster and showcase their talents. We launched an International Student Program and welcomed 13 students from China, Sweden, Italy and Colombia. Next year, as part of our strategic technology initiatives, we begin a 1 to 1 iPad program that will greatly enhance student-centered experiential learning. It is heartening to know that we have dedicated partners in our Ambassadors' Club supporting us along the way. Your generosity directly impacts and improves the lives of the 1,000 students of Christian Brothers High School and we are profoundly grateful for all that you do to support us in our ministry of Catholic, Lasallian education.

God bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lorcan".

Lorcan P. Barnes
President

2012 AMBASSADORS OF THE YEAR



BILL '73 AND HELEN PIERSON

Bill '73 and Helen Pierson met on March 24, 1972 at a Bishop Manogue High School dance. Bill, then a junior at Christian Brothers, and Helen, a sophomore at St. Francis, shared a love of CB and ultimately, of one another.

Bill, who played football throughout his four years at CB, earned the athletic award at graduation. All seven of his brothers attended CB. Helen donned the Freddie the Falcon costume as a member of the CB cheer squad. Bill, who arrived to school early each day, fondly remembers attending daily Mass in the chapel.

"I enjoyed the faith community at CB," says Bill. "My upbringing had a lot to do with it. Time in the chapel helped change me and made me focused. I loved my time at Brothers. We had such great camaraderie back then. My friends then are still some of my best friends today. I was also lucky to learn from some great coaches, Hoskins, Fontes and Sperbeck."

Married now for 35 years, the twosome raised three children, James '02, Cynthia and Sandra, and now revels in spending time with their sons-in-law, daughter-in-law and three beautiful grandchildren, Mia, Kyle and Giannina.

They also love giving back to Christian Brothers High School. Bill came back early on and spent three years as a freshman football coach. When son Jimmy attended the school, they served as parent volunteers. Following Jimmy's graduation, Helen was asked to join the board.

"I was so honored to be asked," says Helen. "Although the first time I was asked I had to say no because of other commitments. I was thrilled when they came back and asked me again. The six years I spent on the Board of Trustees were fascinating. I love that it is an active board and I love that the school really listens to the board's ideas and input."

They are also generous financially. "CB is a great school," says Bill. It holds an important place in our lives. It helped mold us and our son, Jimmy. We believe in what they do and we want to give as many people as we can the opportunity that our children had."

"It means a lot to me to help the middle class families who struggle," says Helen. "When you have kids, and you go through Catholic elementary school and you see families make sacrifices and struggle so that their kids can attend Catholic school. I've even seen parents pull their kids from Catholic elementary school to save money so that they can afford high school. I really want to help them."

"Bill and Helen are tremendously generous, loyal and loving people," says CB President, Lorcan Barnes. "They are passionate and vocal advocates in their support of the school and phenomenal supporters of Catholic education. They are respected and beloved in the community and role models for me. On behalf of all of the students they have helped, and continue to help, I am thrilled to present them this year with the Ambassadors of the Year Award."

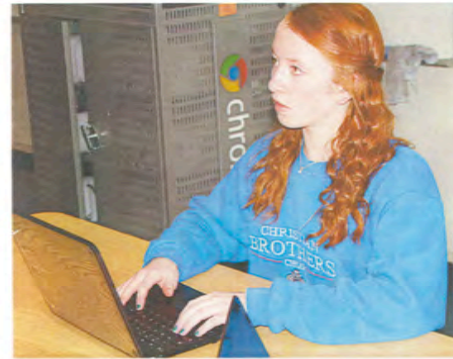
"We couldn't believe it when Lorcan called and asked us if we would accept the award," says Helen. "When we look at the inspiring list of past honorees it is incredibly humbling to think that we are even mentioned in the same category with Thea Stidum, or the Burfords, Asa Whetstone or the Montgomerys. These people and their stories really inspired us to want to give more."

"As long as we can give, we will," says Bill. "It is important to us."

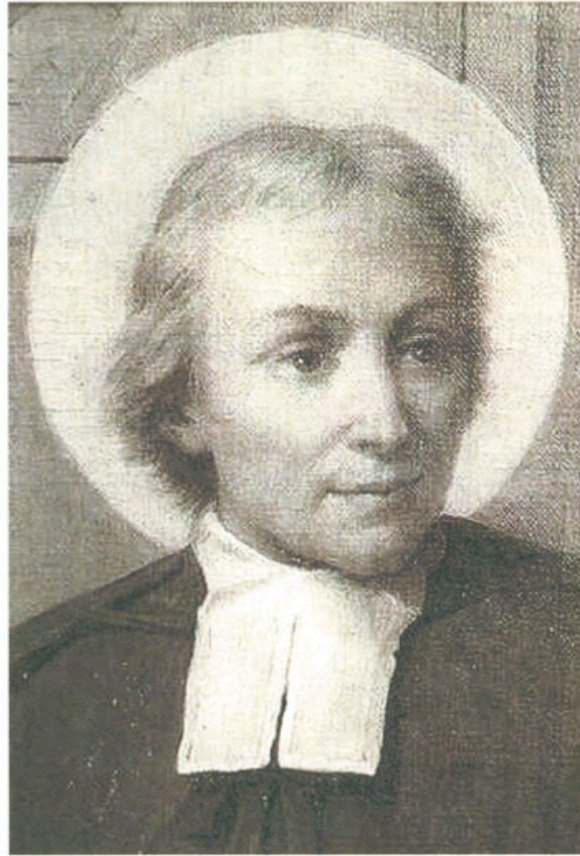


Ambassador of the Year Recipients

- 1988 Richard Carlson '47†
 1989 John Jackson, Jr. '68
 Leo "Butch" Schuering, Jr. '60
 Charles Sylva '65
 1990 Ron Carissimi '51
 Msgr. Richard Dwyer '32†
 James Mulhern
 Manuel Perry, Jr.
 Frank Ramos
 1991 Br. Bertram Coleman, FSC†
 Jean Lahey
 Norm Montgomery†
 Dwight "Dinty" Moore† (posthumously)
 Robert Roche '44
 Steve Scully '66†
 1992 James Dunphy, Jr. '41
 1993 Robert Massa
 1994 Kassis Brothers (Frank, Lewis†, Edward†, Walter,
 Dr. John†)
 1995 Msgr. Edward Kavanagh
 1996 Dr. Donald Gillott
 1997 Frank '71 and Carrie Vellutini
 1998 John and Claudine† Jackson
 1999 Bob '48 and Mercedes Slakey
 2000 Sisters of Mercy, Auburn Regional Community
 2001 Bishop William K. Weigand, D.D.
 2002 The Brothers of the Christian Schools
 2003 C. Stanley Gilliam '41†
 2004 Sal "Chado" Vasquez '52
 2005 Thea Stidum
 2006 Lon '73 and Mary Ann Burford
 2007 Bill '68 and Elaine '68 Schaedler
 2008 Al '39 and Denise Franzoia
 2009 Asa Whetstone '51
 2010 George Cunningham '40
 2011 Richard and Connie Koppes



Thank you,
 Ambassadors,
 for all that you do!



“You are Ambassadors and Ministers of Jesus Christ”

-St. John Baptist de La Salle