



WELCOME TO THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL
AMBASSADORS' CLUB DINNER

THE THIRD OF NOVEMBER
TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN

Program

- 6:00 PM.....**Cocktails**
- 6:45 PM**Welcome**
Lorcan Barnes, President
- Invocation**
Most Reverend Jaime Soto
- Dinner**
- 7:45 PM.....**President's Remarks**
- Student Performance**
Cast of "School House Rock"
"Ready or Not, Here I Come"
"Do the Circulation"
- Keynote Speaker**
Ron Slabbinck, Director of Visual and Performing Arts
- 8:20 PM.....**Ambassadors of the Year Award**
Richard and Connie Koppes
- 8:45 PM.....**Closing Remarks**
Lorcan Barnes, President
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Cast of "School House Rock"

Logan Tipton '15
Domenic Tavianini '14
Giovanni Salcedo '13
Briana Lovett '12
Sarah Hotz '13
Kelsey Pfirman '13
Howard Turley '15
Allison Lian '14
Sydney Rodriguez '15
Christina Lian '12
Elisabetta Mazzoni '13
Mary Coyner '12
Ali Rivera '13
Marika Rogers '14
Kate Houston '13
Marcela Cuomo '15
Karla Bernardo '14
Kristen Geibel '15

Student Ambassadors

Ishiana Burch '13
Katie Durham '12
Kelly Hertel '12
Christina Lian '12
Sydney Schornack '12

Dolce Fuoco

Travis Maslen, Inst. Music Director
1st Violin - Abby Scurfield '12
1st Violin - Vincent Salazar '14
2nd Violin - Taylor Ross '15
2nd Violin - Joseph Krieg '14
3rd Violin - Sean Bland '14
Cello - Nia Hagelis '15
Cello - Joyce Mok '12
Viola - Finn Whetstone '15



November 3, 2011

Dear Ambassadors and Friends of Christian Brothers:

Welcome to the 27th 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 135 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 \$1.6 million of tuition assistance to 308 students. The Class of 2011 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.

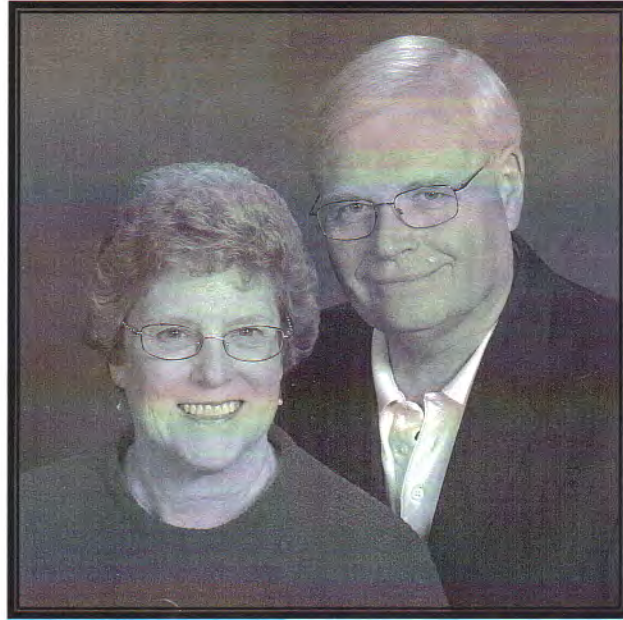
The 2011-12 school year marks our first year without the daily presence of Brothers on our campus. I am proud to say that our faculty and staff are working diligently to carry on the Brothers' sacred mission and it is heartening to know that we have dedicated partners in our Ambassadors' Club supporting us along the way. Your generosity directly impacts and improves the lives of the 977 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 cursive script that reads "Lorcan".

Lorcan P. Barnes
President

2011 AMBASSADORS OF THE YEAR



RICHARD AND CONNIE KOPPES

As the parents of five children who attended Christian Brothers High School, Richard and Connie Koppes joined the CB community when their eldest son attended the school in the late 1980s. Since that time, they have been avid and dedicated supporters of Catholic, Lasallian education.

“Christian Brothers is a caring, nurturing place for kids,” says Connie. “The teen years are a very vulnerable time. Kids are growing away from their parents, but, they still need adult guidance. The teachers and counselors are very caring and connected with the students. CB reinforced the values that we have at home and provided our sons and daughters with an excellent education.”

With three sons and two daughters, the two also appreciated the school’s transition to a coeducational model. “CB teaches boys to treat women as equals,” says Richard. “It also helps girls to see men as their peers. A good friend once said that he couldn’t imagine sending his kids to a school where they didn’t learn to compete with half of the population. He was right.”

They also like the school’s commitment to service. “Enter to learn, leave to serve is not just a sign on a building,” says Connie. “The school really lives its motto and they do a great job of instilling the Lasallian values of faith and service as part of a well-rounded education.”

Faith and service are a large part of Rich and Connie's lives also. The two are active volunteers in a number of organizations that support the Gospel's social justice values.

"I don't play golf, I don't really have a hobby," says Richard. "I guess you could say that our hobby is working for the church. We moved to Sacramento 40 years ago and we needed to develop a family here. Many wonderful, longtime friends have come out of those involvements."

Between them, they give of their time and talent as volunteers at their parish, St. Anthony's, the Sacramento Life Center, Christ the King Retreat Center, and Family Promise. Richard also serves as a Deacon and was instrumental in launching a St. Vincent de Paul group at St. Anthony's.

They are also very generous benefactors. "Rich and Connie's generosity extends beyond their time and talents to include financial support," says Lorcan Barnes, CB president. "In addition to a number of other worthy causes, they have generously supported CB's Building on the Tradition Campaign, Phase I and Phase II and are ongoing supporters of tuition assistance at the school."

Recently, the two found themselves in a position of receiving stock options they had not been expecting. "We did not ever anticipate having this money," says Richard. "We still live in the first house we bought in Sacramento. All of our kids grew up here and we're not going to move. We are grateful to be in a position to give back. Christian Brothers helped form our kids. It's becoming more important for parents and lay people to step forward and support the school financially," says Richard. "With the decline in religious orders such as the Christian Brothers, we all have to step forward to ensure the school is there for generations to come. We want it to be here for our grandchildren."

"Rich and Connie's recent gift of \$500,000 provided a big boost in our campaign to bring a visual and performing arts center to campus," says Barnes. "Their ongoing support of tuition assistance has made it possible for children to attend CB who would otherwise not have that opportunity. They have such an enthusiastic appreciation for our mission and deep concern for Catholic social justice issues. I am profoundly grateful for all that they have done for CB over the years and on behalf of the 977 students who enter each day to learn, and leave to serve, I proudly congratulate Richard and Connie Koppes as our 2011 *Ambassadors of the Year*."

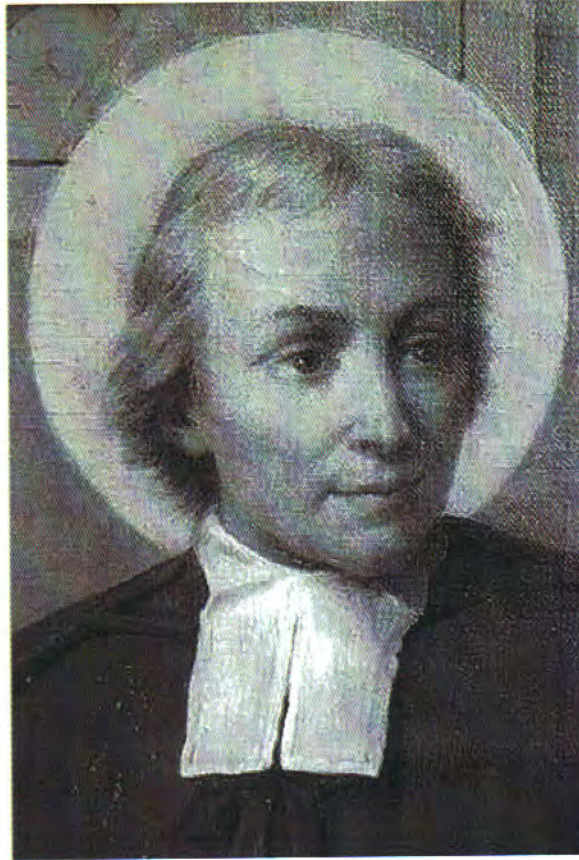


Ambassador of the Year Recipients

- 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



Thank you,
Ambassadors,
for all that you do!



"You are Ambassadors and Ministers of Jesus Christ"
-St. John Baptist de La Salle



Lorcan Barnes, President of
Christian Brothers High School

Requests the honor of your presence
at the 27th Annual

AMBASSADORS' CLUB DINNER

Honoring our 2011 Ambassadors of the Year

RICH AND CONNIE KOPPES

Thursday, November 3, 2011

Cocktails at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner at 6:45 p.m.

The Croatian Cultural Center
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