

Roman Catholic High School Boy's Soccer  
301 N. Broad Street Philadelphia, PA 19107



August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Dear Alumni:

On behalf of the Roman Catholic Soccer Program, I hope you and your family have had a wonderful summer! As we conclude our first week of the 2017 training camp, you'll be excited to know that despite the hot and humid weather, our boys entered camp enthusiastically ready to put in the hard work and effort that will lead us back to the playoffs and hopefully another deep run into the most exciting time of the year for the local soccer community. As you know, we have started off our past seasons by participating in the annual SEPA High School Tournament at Parkwood Youth Organization. The date this year is Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> with the first match tapping off at 9am.

I remain excited to return as the Head Soccer Coach for my eleventh season and it's always a great honor to work side by side with Assistant Coach, **Jerry Brindisi**, now in his eighth season. Together, with our very talented staff of assistants and volunteers, we are extremely confident in our abilities to be 100% efficient in every aspect of the sport, from scouting to film study to player-coach-parent liaisons. We are always so very fortunate to remain stable and consistent across the board and program wide, as Coach **Mike Biddle** returns to the sidelines with our JV squad. Mike's continued focus is to develop players and prepare them to compete at the varsity level. In addition, Coach Mike Rector will assist with the team for the 2017 campaign. Also returning, Coach Zachary Elwell will manage the freshman team and we are please to welcome back former varsity captain, Joe Steward, Jr (RC '13) to assist Zach with our freshmen boys. Finally, program wide, our boys will continue to train with Coach Sean Dugan (RCHO '16) on their strength, conditioning and mental fortitude.

We have had an amazing run over the last several years. The outpouring of purple pride has been nothing short of spectacular. We, our boys, their parents and the entire Roman Catholic family very much appreciate it! Let's keep up the support. We all love seeing former players on the sidelines and the team always gets a kick when faculty and administrators show support on game day or night. We encourage our former captains to round up some of your teammates and pick a match, make it a tailgate. Get out and paint the night purple! It's said, "if you build it... they will come". We have built it back to championship levels... all that's missing is YOU!

I have enclosed our 2017 schedule for your review. Please note below however that we now utilize several locations for our home field(s):

***\*Lighthouse Soccer Club, Roosevelt Boulevard & Southampton Rd. (primary)***

**IMPORTANT DATES TO CONSIDER**

**Labor Day Weekend Season Opener** – Sun, sand and soccer as the Cahillites battle Camden Catholic (non-league) down the shore Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10am at Wildwood's Maxwell Field. Show your purple and gold!

**Roman Catholic vs Father Judge** - Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> triple header at Judge! All three teams in action.

**Senior Night** - Saturday, September 30, 2017 - Cahillites vs Central, 7pm at Lighthouse Soccer Club.

**Beef and Bowl** - FUNdraising event on October 14, 2017 at Thunderbird Lanes. An outstanding evening consisting of fabulous food, prizes and spent with parents and friends of our program. If you can't attend, all donations are welcomed. Please keep in mind, this is our biggest fundraiser of the year but, we need **YOU** to make it happen!

**Alumni Game** - (odd vs even years) at Bridesburg Recreation Center. Saturday, November 4, 2017 at 2pm. Our post game huddle will be at the Post Office Café, Bridesburg, just a few short blocks away. It's always a great time to strap on your shinnies, lace up your boots, relive the glory days and establish new friendships along the way!

**For further information:**

To learn more about our program or what's going on at **Roman Catholic HS**, visit: [www.romancatholichs.com](http://www.romancatholichs.com)

To access **Roman Catholic Soccer Program** directly, visit us at [www.romancatholicsoccer.com](http://www.romancatholicsoccer.com)

For **Roman Catholic Soccer Alumni** news and information (events, game results and standings) via email, please send me an email expressing your interest at: [soccer@temple.edu](mailto:soccer@temple.edu)

Thank you in advance for your support. We look forward to seeing you this fall and **GO ROMAN!**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Raymond DeStephanis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "R".

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