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High School:*

*The
Center
of it All!*

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Dear Prospective Student,

The choice of a high school is probably one of the most difficult decisions you have had to make in your life to date. There are so many good schools, numerous fine programs and countless opportunities. How are you to make this choice? Information is the key. The more you come to know about a particular school, the better able you will be to discover which one will be best for you.

We have put this booklet together to help you become acquainted with Roman Catholic High School. Roman is the oldest diocesan high school in the United States. We were founded over 125 years ago to provide an outstanding education for young men. Today, the students of Roman Catholic come from throughout the entire

Delaware Valley – over 160 different elementary schools are represented in our diverse student body. That includes students from Catholic, public, charter and private elementary schools as well as homeschool students.

The program at Roman prepares its students for college. Over 96 percent of our students attend some of the most prestigious local colleges and universities as well as those from throughout the nation. If you are college bound – Roman would be the school for you!

Examine our co-curricular programs. Roman has 17 varsity sports teams – the only school to offer every sport in the Archdiocese. From crew to volleyball, bowling to basketball, swimming to lacrosse, wrestling to soccer, Roman teams are well-coached, competitive and a force to be reckoned with! Talented musicians and singers will find a home at Roman. Our programs are widely recognized for their quality and high level of performance. Community service opportunities abound at Roman. Helping the poor and elderly, defending life, and improving the environment, Roman students are committed to creating a better world.

Roman Catholic is in *The Center of it All* – an exciting place to spend your high school years. The more information you gather about our academics, sports, and activities, the easier your decision will be. If you want to make new friends, be challenged, experience innovative programs and achieve your dreams, Roman is the school for You!

Rev. Joseph W. Bongard
Class of 1977



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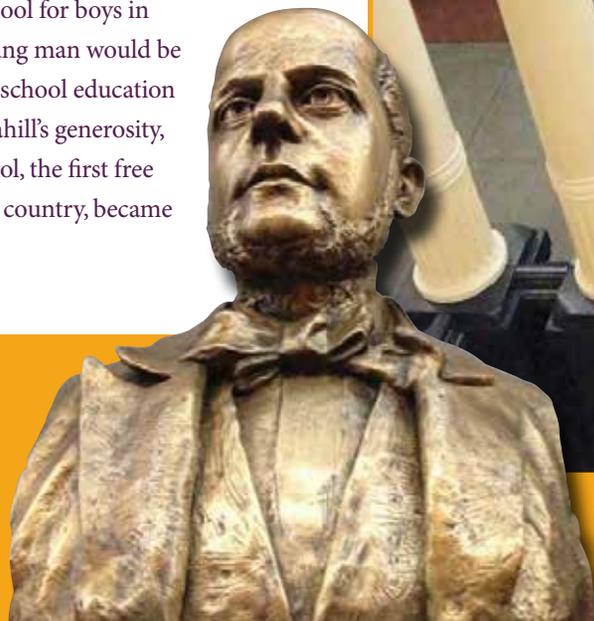
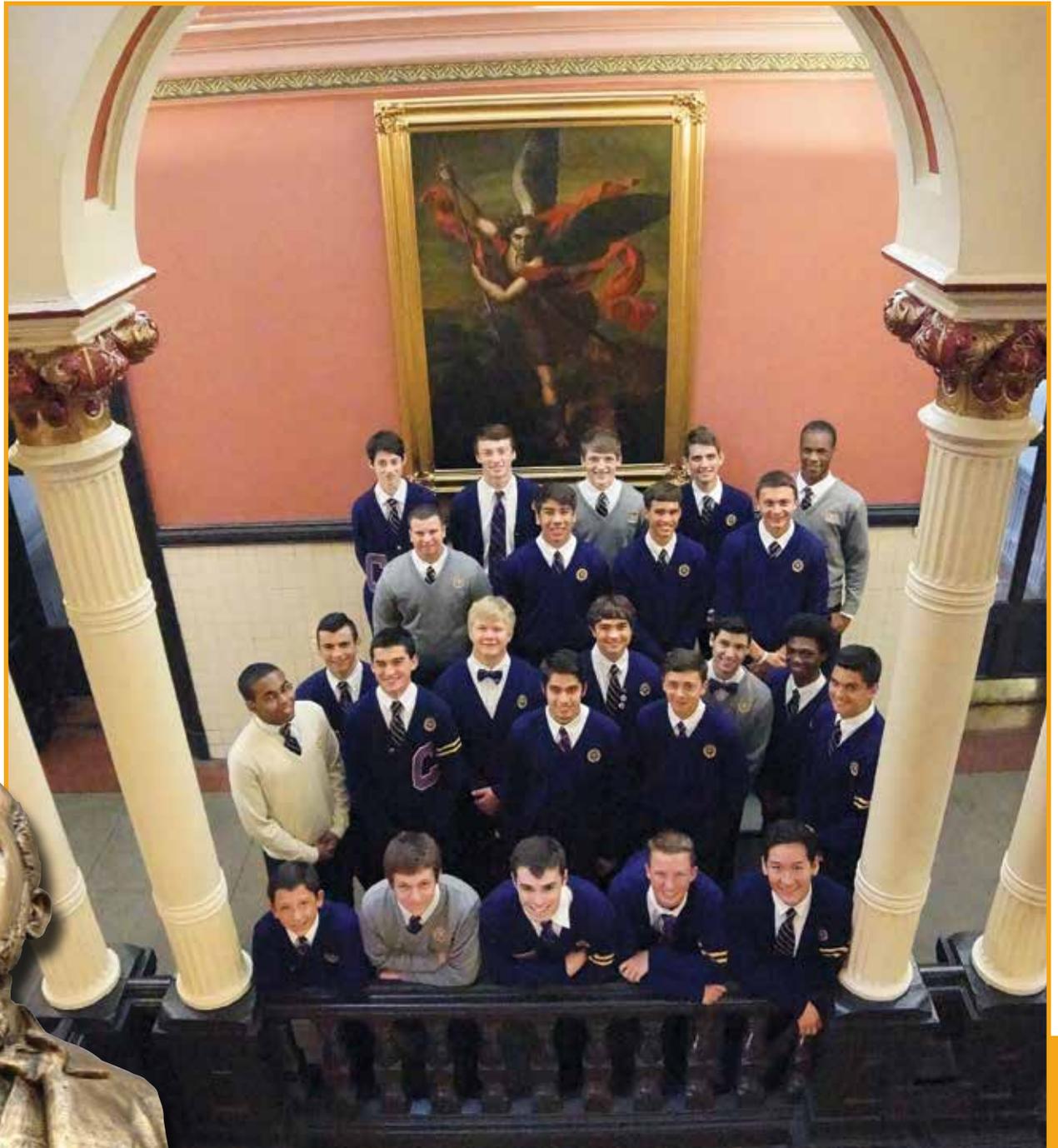
Our Mission

Founded by Thomas E. Cahill in 1890 as the first Diocesan Catholic high school for boys in the nation, Roman Catholic High School provides young men from diverse social, economic and geographical backgrounds an education of academic and cultural excellence in a scholarly and nurturing environment. The challenging academic curriculum, competitive athletic program and engaging activities complement each other to foster faith, courage, character and leadership.

Our Founder

Thomas E. Cahill was born on May 27, 1828. During his, what we would now consider short life, Cahill was rejected twice for admission into Philadelphia High School due to his young age. Despite never completing his education, Cahill went on to establish an extremely prosperous business named the Knickerbocker Ice Company.

It was only after Cahill's death in 1878 that a dream he had kept private became public knowledge. He wished to build a Catholic high school for boys in Philadelphia, so that no young man would be denied a values-based high school education as he had been. Through Cahill's generosity, Roman Catholic High School, the first free diocesan high school in the country, became a reality.

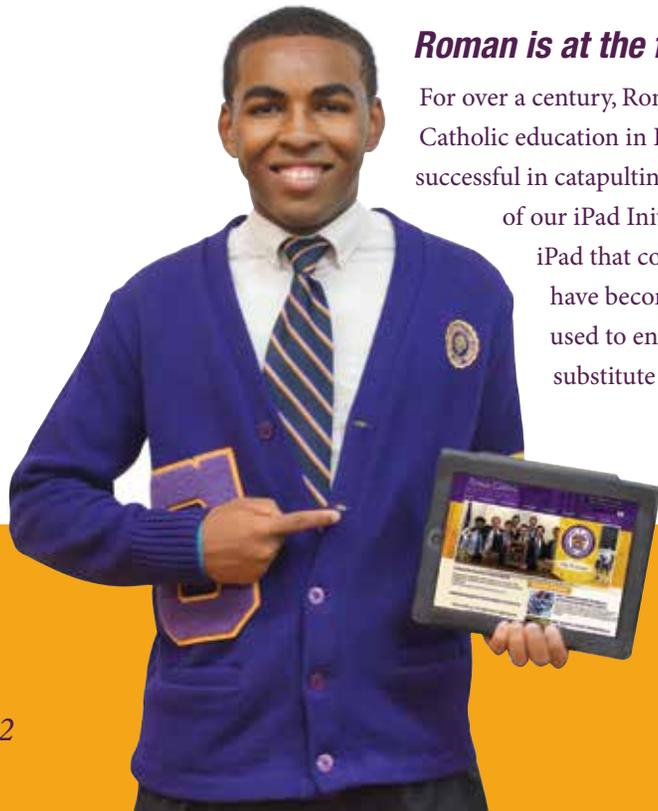


Thomas E. Cahill

The Center of *Academics*

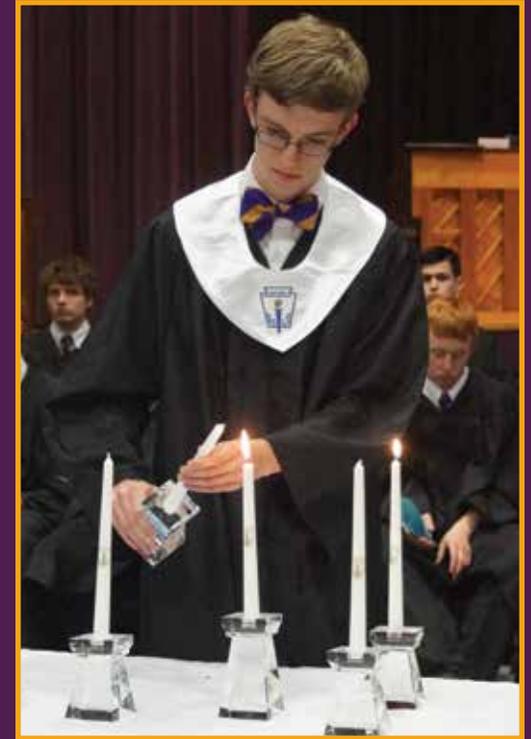
Roman Catholic High School has been paving the way for secondary education and academia since the doors first opened over 126 years ago. Roman provides a college preparatory curriculum for all students. At Roman we prepare and expect all of our students to attend post-secondary institutions following high school. Roman students are thoroughly prepared in the classroom so that they can develop into life-long learners. Students graduate with the training and skills necessary to be successful in college and in life.

- Roman is accredited by the State of Pennsylvania and the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools
- On average, 96 percent of Roman graduates attend post-secondary institutions
- In recent years, the graduating classes of Roman Catholic have averaged \$24 million in college grants and scholarships
- Roman offers nine Advance Placement courses, including AP Psychology which has had a 100 percent passing rate for 10 years
- Roman offers six world languages and four years of art and music classes
- Since 2014, a total of 30 students received a perfect score on the National Latin Exam



Roman is at the forefront of technology!

For over a century, Roman Catholic has worked to remain the leader in Catholic education in Philadelphia. Over the past four years, we have been successful in catapulting young Cahillites into the future with the introduction of our iPad Initiative. All of our students are now equipped with an iPad that contains digital copies of all their textbooks. These tools have become vital teaching component. Yet, while technology is used to enhance and advance the curriculum, it is not viewed as a substitute for a seasoned teacher.



“I know my classmates and I are well equipped to succeed and make the future world a better place. We have our teachers to thanks for this.”

Raushaun Williams '15



Faculty

The faculty stresses the importance of personal responsibility – expecting a great deal and setting high standards for the young men of Roman. Our teachers always remain available to those who seek assistance. To be a teacher means to play an integral role in the lives of others. At Roman, teachers are simultaneously friends and mentors, creating lessons for their students while still managing to keep interactions pleasant and engaging. Today's faculty is comprised of more than 50 professional lifelong teachers.

Electives

In addition to the core-curriculum, Roman offers many diverse and intriguing electives for students so they can become truly well-rounded individuals.

English: Advanced Placement Language and Composition, Advanced Placement Literature and Composition, SAT Prep Course

World Languages: Spanish, French, Italian, Latin, Arabic and Mandarin Chinese

Science & Health: Advanced Placement Biology, Advanced Placement Physics I and II, Honors Anatomy and Physiology, Environmental Science, Honors Physics, Astronomy, Introduction to Sports Medicine

Business: Financial Fitness for Life, Accounting I and II, Technology Communications I and II, Business Economics, Business Law, Entrepreneurship, Personal Finance, Sports Management

Art: Studio Art I through IV, PAFA Program, Digital Photography, Theater

Music: Music I through IV, Choral Music I through IV

Social Studies: Advanced Placement American History, American Government, Introduction to Psychology, Advanced Placement Psychology

Mathematics: Advanced Placement Calculus, Computer Programming, Pre-Calculus, Trigonometry, SAT Prep Course



By the numbers for the faculty:

14 Alumni 32 Master's Degrees

4 Doctoral Degrees

79% of our AP students over the last five years have recorded a passing score (the worldwide average is 61%)



The Center of Athletics

Roman has a long-standing reputation for excellence in athletics. The athletic program has grown over the years to now include every sport the Philadelphia Catholic League sponsors, from baseball to volleyball; we have a program for all types of athletes. Roman's athletic facilities are located throughout the city, from River Field, next to the Philadelphia Museum of Art, to Boyce Field in Roxborough, to FDR Park in South Philadelphia. Being a student-athlete develops a young man physically, mentally and socially and fosters a sense of independence that is critical to future success.

In 2015 and 2016, Roman's nationally ranked basketball teams won back-to-back Philadelphia Catholic League Championship, City Championship and Roman's first ever State Championships!

Sports offered at Roman:

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| Baseball | Golf | Soccer |
| Basketball | Ice Hockey | Swimming |
| Bowling | Indoor Track & Field | Tennis |
| Crew | Lacrosse | Volleyball |
| Cross Country | Outdoor Track & Field | Wrestling |
| Football | Rugby | |



The Cahillites have won more than 92 championships since 1890! Roman won three Philadelphia Catholic League Championships in the 2015–2016 year.

Roman is the only high school in the Philadelphia Archdiocese to offer every league sport!

The Center of Activity

Along with competitive athletic programs you will find a wide array of extracurricular activities at Roman. Whether it is representing Roman as a student ambassador, writing an article for the school newspaper, acting in a musical or serving on the Cathedral Crew, Roman is a place where you can always be active and engaged. A true Cahillite takes advantage of our activities in order to gain a full Roman experience.

Extracurricular Activities:

- Academic Clubs (Science, Italian, etc.)
- Ambassadors
- Band
- Big Brothers
- Chess Team
- Community Service Corps
- Dances (Homecoming, Soph Hop, etc.)
- Intramurals
- Literary Magazine
- Mock Trial
- National Honors Society
- Pro-Life Club
- Roman Reserves
- Roman Robotics
- SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions)
- School Newspaper
- Student Council
- Technology Club
- Television Studio
- World Affairs Club
- Yearbook

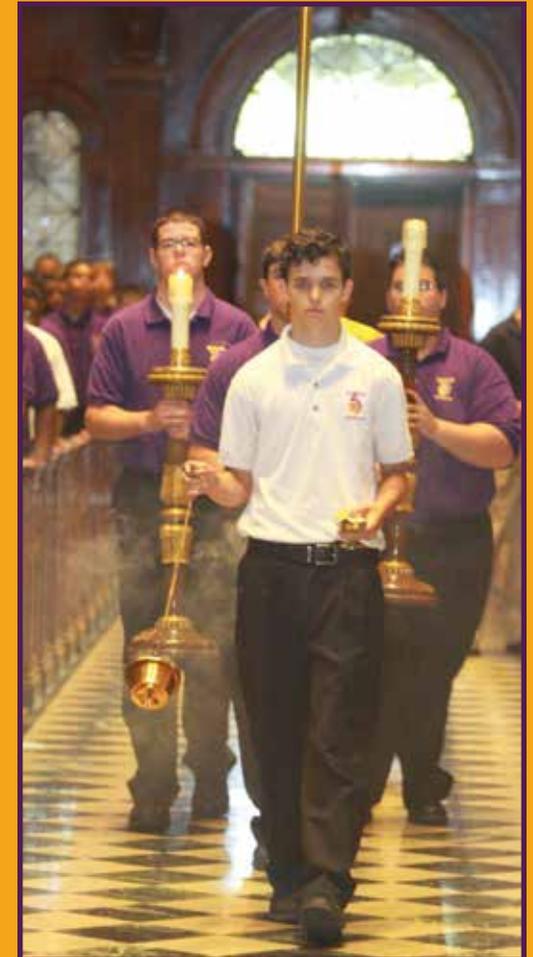


In 2016, Roman had 12 All-Catholics for Band, Chorus and Orchestra!

Religious Activities:

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| Service Programs | Penance Services |
| Daily Mass | Rosary Club |
| First Friday Mass | Spiritual/Personal Counseling |
| Grief Group | Underclassmen Retreats |
| Kairos Retreat (Seniors) | Vocation Discernment |
| Peer Ministry | |

Roman's nationally ranked Mock Trial Team has won three straight City Championships!



The Center of The City

All Roads lead to Roman

Students travel from over 170 elementary schools throughout the Delaware Valley, which gives Roman the most diverse student population in the area. Located in the center of Center City, Roman is accessible from all areas of the city and surrounding counties by way of mass transit: bus, subway, El and Regional Rail. All SEPTA, PATCO and NJ Transit lines are within walking distance of our campus. Students arrange their own travel, which for many, is a part of the maturation process in growing from a boy to a young man. Undoubtedly, Roman is a true destination: students are not only attending because they have to, but rather, because they want to. Roman has a unique student population that is diverse, committed and self-reliant.



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“Roman truly thrives because of its diversity which gives each student a chance to be their unique self.”

Vincent Capitolo, Class of 2016



The City is Our Classroom

Roman's location is prime for after school activities involving art, music, food, sports and social events. We take learning and living beyond the classroom to a new level because of our close proximity to Philadelphia landmarks and educational institutions such as the Franklin Institute, National Constitution Center, Reading Terminal Market, The Barnes Foundation and more. Two major partnerships for our students are offering anatomy class at the Drexel School of Medicine at Hahnemann Hospital and classes at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. The purple and gold is a familiar sight on Center City streets as our students take advantage of attending the school in the center of it all!



Independence Hall
25 minute walk



Reading Terminal
12 minute walk



The Barnes Foundation
14 minute walk



The Franklin Institute
14 minute walk



Lincoln Financial Field
20 minute subway ride



“Roman students can take a walk in Love Park after a long day of school, go for a jog down Kelly Drive or channel their inner Rocky and run up the Art Museum steps!”

Allen Smith, Class of 2015

The Center of History

Alumni and Tradition

Roman has many historic attractions nearby, from City Hall to Independence Hall, but you may not know that the school building itself is a historic landmark! Designed by celebrated architect Edwin Forrest Durang in the late nineteenth century, Roman's Gothic Revival style building is listed prominently on the Philadelphia Historic Register.

More important than the building, however, are the legions of young men who have roamed the halls and sat in the very same classrooms. Over the last 126 years, the young men of Catholic High have distinguished themselves for their academic excellence, athletic achievements and for their commitment to country, community and family. Some of the first graduates of our school joined in World War I and fought for the freedom of peoples of Europe. Over the years, alumni have entered every field and occupation, from medicine to law, from engineering to business, from the trades to religious life. Some have remained local, others have traveled the county and beyond. Yet, no matter where the road of life leads, the bonds formed as students of Roman remain strong. Once a Cahillite, always a Cahillite!

Our Alumni are incredibly loyal and they remain committed to advancing the mission of their school. Generations of men have worked to continue Thomas Cahill's dream and formed the foundation of the Roman Brotherhood. Once you become a student of Roman, you quickly come to understand you are part of a great tradition, a strong brotherhood.

When you begin your high school career, Roman Catholic High School will be a new and exciting place to be. Your purple uniform will distinguish you from all other high schools students and will identify you as a member of the great Roman tradition. You will make new friends, from both present students and proud alumni. In no time, you will be achieving your own triumphs, accomplishments and success. In effect, you will be adding your own history to the great legacy that is Catholic High.



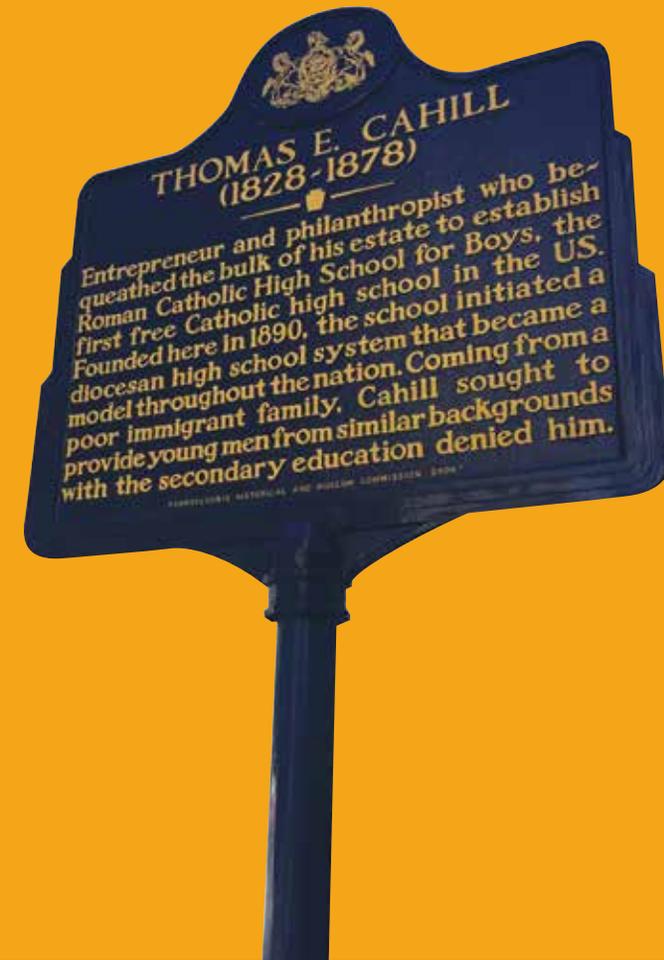
Roman Catholic High School, Class of 1894



Annual Communion Breakfast

"After leaving the hallowed halls of Broad and Vine, we all share an unbreakable bond that has grown stronger and stronger each passing day of our time at Roman."

Nick O'Karma, Class of 2015



45% of students report having a relative who graduated from Roman.

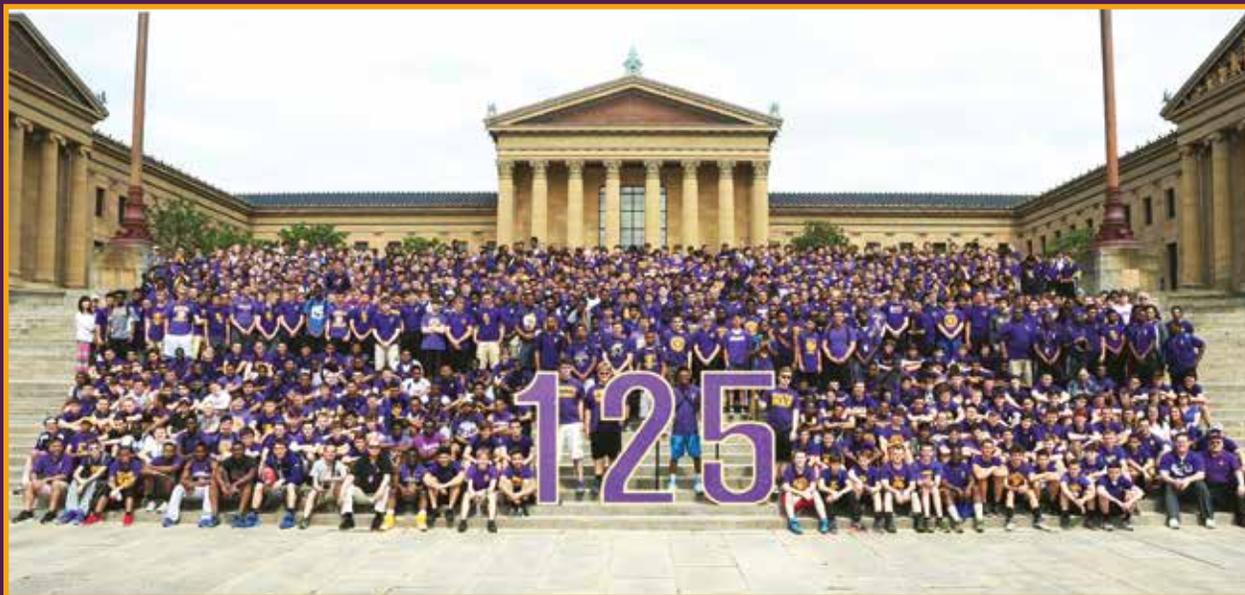
The Center of *Your Future*

Now it is your time to experience Roman Catholic: the school in *The Center of it All!*

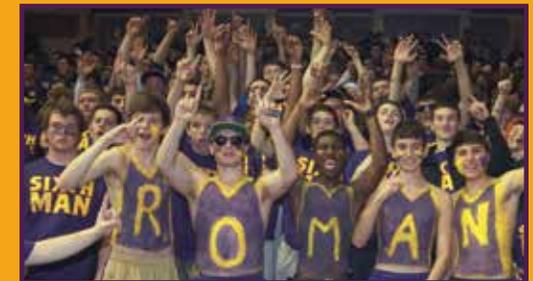
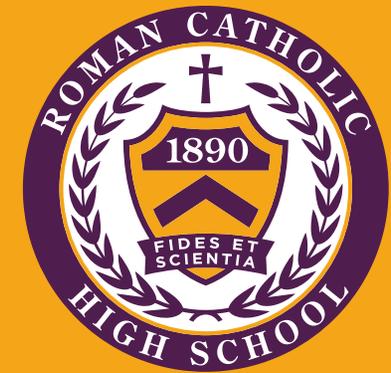
The best way to see if Roman is the high school for you is to plan a visit to our campus. You can schedule a shadow day to experience a day in the life at Broad and Vine. Stop by any of our events including Open House, Visitation Day, Fine Arts Festivals, music and choral concerts or any sporting event to see the Cahillites in action. Become part of our Roman community!

Roman students are some of the hardest working young men in all of the Delaware Valley. They rise early and get home late after long, active and engaging days throughout Roman's expansive urban campus. Whether they're learning in the classroom, competing on the court, cheering in the stands, performing on the stage or giving back to the underprivileged, Roman students put their best effort forward and always display a great sense of Roman "pride." After four formative years at Roman, our students are attending some of the finest colleges and universities across the nation. When at Roman you will know that your future is bright!

We want you to join our Roman community and experience the school in *The Center of it All!* We look forward to seeing you soon!



125th Anniversary



Roman pride!



Prepared for the future!

"We enter Roman Catholic High School as boys; we emerge as men of honor and moral value. We emerge ready to take on the world, to serve as leaders of the next generation."

Thomas Beck, Class of 2015

The Center of Success

Colleges and Universities that Roman graduates are currently attending:

University of Akron
University of Alabama
Albright College
Alvernia University
American University
Arcadia University
Bentley University
Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania
Boston University
Bucks County Community College
Cabrini College
California University of Pennsylvania
The Catholic University of America
Century Community and Technical College
Chestnut Hill College
University of Chicago
Christendom College
Christopher Newport University
The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina
Clarion University
Clemson University
Community College of Philadelphia
Cornell University
Delaware State University
Delaware Valley College
University of Delaware
DeSales University
Drexel University
Duquesne University
East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania
Eastern University
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Florida Gulf Coast University
Florida Institute of Technology
Fordham University
Franciscan University of Steubenville
Furman University
Gannon University
The George Washington University
Georgetown University
Gwynedd Mercy University
Hampton University
University of Hartford
Hawaii Pacific University
Hofstra University
Holy Family University
Howard University
Immaculata University

Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Iona College
James Madison University
John Paul the Great Catholic University
Kean University
Kent State University
Keystone College
King's College
Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
La Salle University
Le Moyne College
Lebanon Valley College
Lehigh University
Lewis University
Liberty University
Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania
Loyola University Maryland
Manor College
Marquette University
University of Mary Washington
University of Maryland
Marywood University
Mercer County Community College
Mercyhurst University
Merrimack College
University of Miami
Millersville University of Pennsylvania
Minnesota State University
Misericordia University
Monmouth University
Montclair State University
Montgomery County Community College
Moravian College
Mount Saint Mary's University
Neumann University
New England College
The College of New Jersey
North Carolina A&T State University
Norwich University
University of Notre Dame
Ohio State University
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia University
University of Pittsburgh
Providence College
Quinnipiac University
Ramapo College of New Jersey
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

University of Richmond
Rider University
Rosemont University
Rowan University
Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey
Saint Joseph's University
Saint Leo University
Saint Peter's University
University of the Sciences in Philadelphia
The University of Scranton
Seton Hall University
Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania
Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania
University of Southern Maine
Spring Hill College
Stanford University
St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
St. Cloud State University
St. John's University
SUNY College
Susquehanna University
The University of Tampa
Temple University
Trinity University of Asia
Tulane University
United States Military Academy
United States Naval Academy
Unity College
The University of the Arts
Ursinus College
Valley Forge Military College
University of Vermont
Villanova University
Virginia Polytechnic University and State University
Virginia Tech
Virginia Union University
Washington College
Washington and Jefferson College
Wayne County Community College
West Chester University of Pennsylvania
West Virginia University
Western New England University
Wheeling Jesuit University
Widener University
Williamson Free School of Mechanical Trades
Youngstown State University
York College of Pennsylvania



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