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**ST. GABRIEL'S HALL
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St. Gabriel's Hall is a private Residential Rehabilitative Institution conducted by the Brothers of the Christian Schools giving continuous service to wayward youths and orphans for over 91 years. The Founder of the Institution was Archbishop Patrick John Ryan, Archbishop of Philadelphia, who selected the Brothers to conduct the facility on behalf of the diocese. The Institution was officially opened in 1898 as the Philadelphia Catholic Protectory for Boys, a homeless institution.

In 1899 the Protectory received a charter from the City of Philadelphia which increased it as a court adjudicated facility. In 1962 its name was changed to St. Gabriel's Hall reflecting a growing sensitivity in rehabilitative work. Appropriately St. Gabriel is the patron of difficult boys.

St. Gabriel's Hall is a non-profit, year round, Private Residential Rehabilitative Institution for over 200 court appointed boys between 12 and 18 years of age. The average time spent in residence is between 9 and 12 months. The mission of St. Gabriel's Hall is to provide stability, therapy, counseling and education to prepare residents for a successful return to home and community with self-respect, discipline and an understanding of the circumstances which brought them to us for help. The principal aim is to care for the individual in the belief that early intervention can restore a purposeful relationship between self and society.

St. Gabriel's Hall is not restricted to any religion or group. All interests are served with emphasis upon individual values fostered by a dedicated order of Brothers, certified teachers and a highly qualified experienced staff. Every boy assigned to the facility is given a comprehensive psychological, educational and medical work-up upon admission. A program is then devised to best benefit the individual. Case progress is reviewed regularly, both inhouse and by the committing authority.

The Social Services Department is committed to serving the needs of the young men in its care through an on-going interdisciplinary approach. The effectiveness of the program stems from the cooperative effort of a high skilled staff working as a team, bringing together treatment coordinators, child care workers, teachers, psychologists, psychiatrists, school counselors, mental health workers and social workers. A wide range of services is provided including individual, group and family therapy, outpatient clinic, partial hospitalization services, drug and alcohol counseling, full medical and dental care, psychological and psychiatric evaluations and therapeutic activity groups. Since 1984, St. Gabriel's Hall has been licensed by the Office of Mental Health and Department of Public Welfare to operate a Mental Health Clinic and Partial Hospitalization Program.

The Group Living Department is an integral part of our residential in-care program. It is based upon a few well-founded principles, the most fundamental of which is the assertion that all young people committed to the program are essentially socially and community oriented. The basic unit of Group Living is the "fraternity", a self-contained group of approximately 20 boys under the close supervision of youth care professionals. Each fraternity is provided its own living, sleeping and dining areas, in addition to indoor and outdoor recreation facilities. Students are assigned to fraternities according to age, emotional maturity and physical size. Fraternity living enables the professional staff to establish mature, trusting relationships with the residents, foster cooperation among peers and develop positive adult role models.

St. Gabriel's Hall provides comprehensive educational opportunities to the young men committed to our care. The school provides advanced academic, academic remedial and special education programs. The ultimate objective of the school program is to

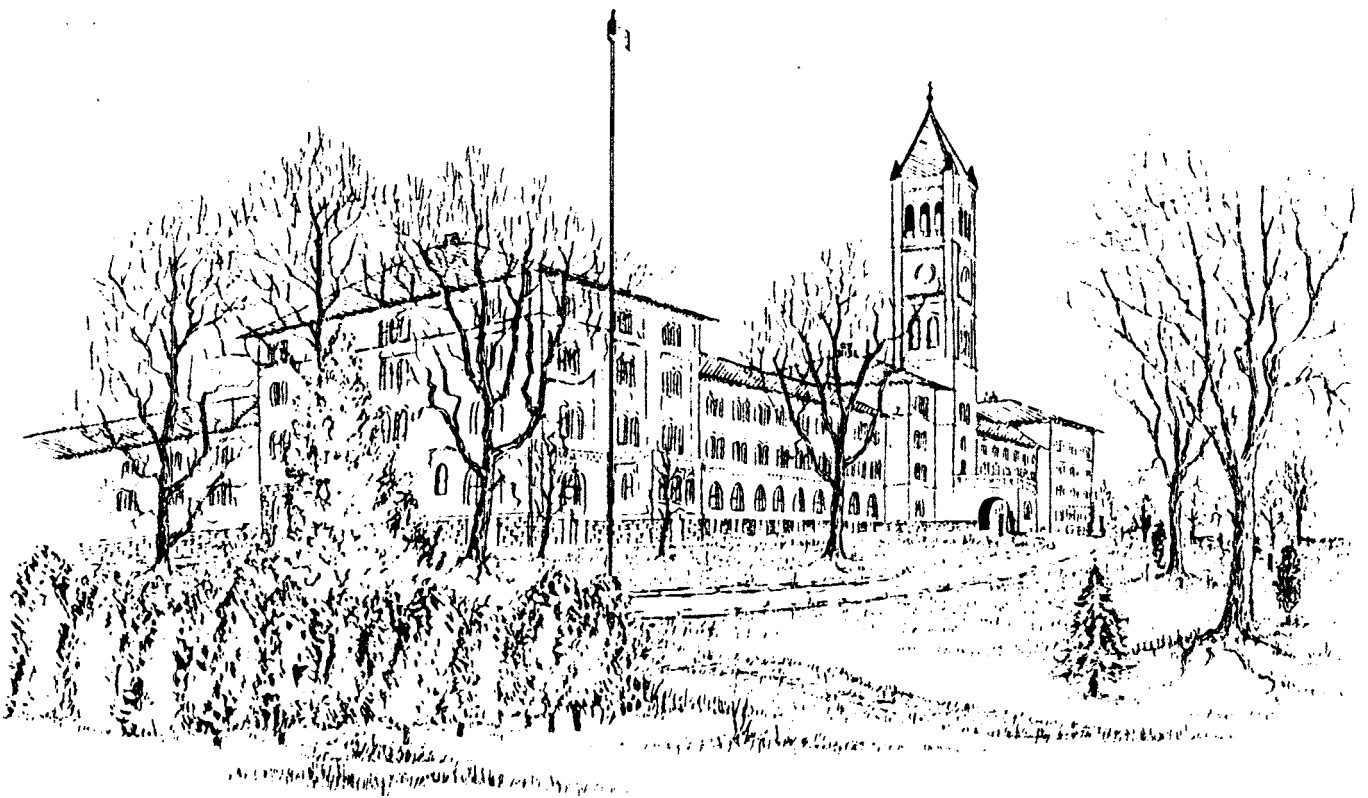
provide a student with the necessary skills for his transition to other programs in other schools. St. Gabriel's Hall School is recognized by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and is accredited by the Commission on Secondary Schools of the Middle States Association.

Graduation is a very significant event in the lives of our boys. It is held twice yearly in conjunction with the St. Gabriel System and is the culmination of a truly heroic effort on the part of many boys to overcome multiple difficulties and accomplish what they would have considered impossible a year earlier. Graduation is a formal ceremony in a distinguished setting, with friends and family in attendance. There is always a keynote speaker, academic awards, a class valedictorian, and a range of diploma and certificates presented by the respective programs.

St. Gabriel's Hall provides a wide range of recreational activities for the residents. We have a large gymnasium with two indoor basketball courts and a modern weight lifting center, outdoor swimming pool, basketball, volleyball, baseball, soccer and football fields and extensive grounds for all manner of leisure pursuits. The school participates in the Archdiocese Catholic Youth Organization in track, the Philadelphia League in basketball as well as intra-mural sports in basketball, flag football, soccer, softball and volleyball.

Special assemblies, talks and presentations are scheduled throughout the year to augment in-house programs. Visiting professionals work with the boys throughout the year as volunteers. St. Gabriel's Hall participates in career exploration and has an Explorer Scout Troop.

Brother Richard Kestler.



St. Gabriel's Hall
by Brother John Brady