



SKAGGS CATHOLIC CENTER

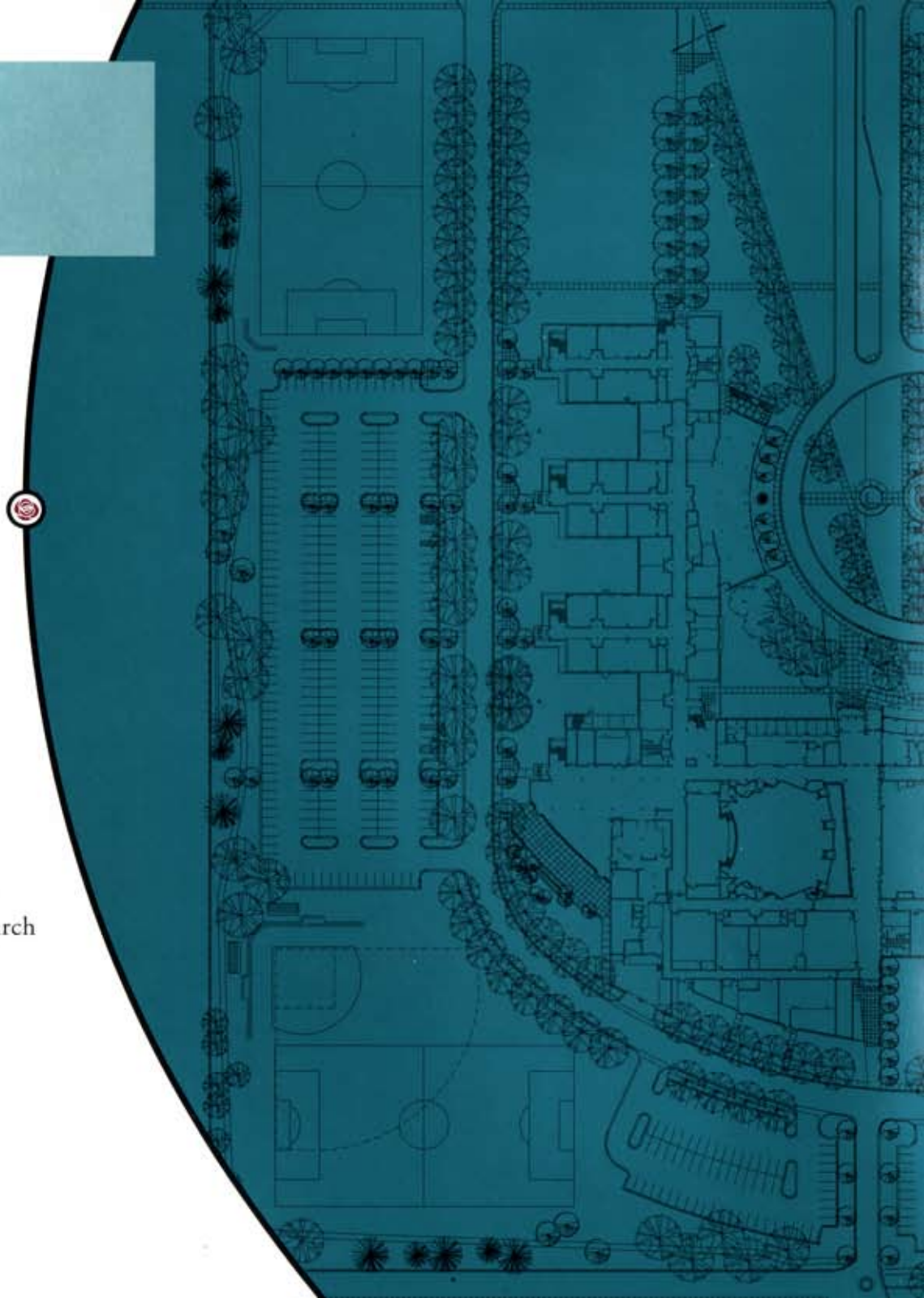
*Juan Diego Catholic High School
St. John the Baptist Elementary*

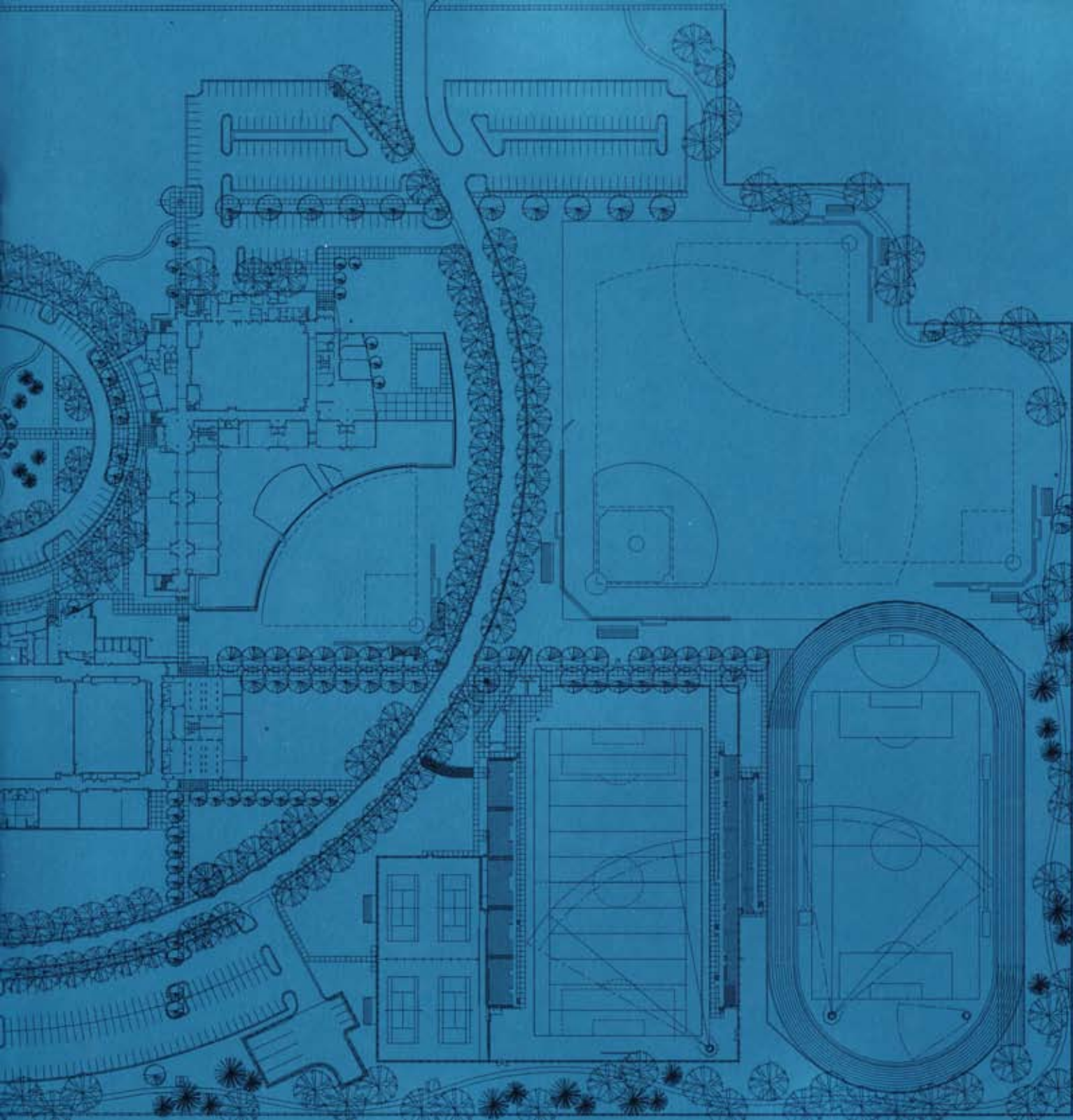
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Rooted in the Past Focused on the Future

*T*his dedicatory booklet highlights the vision and faith of the Skaggs family in their gift to further the mission of Catholic education in Utah. More than 1500 years of Catholic philosophy and teaching have culminated in the Skaggs Catholic Center. It's circular design and architectural layout draw on the monastic beginnings and incorporate two new educational enterprises: Juan Diego Catholic High School and Saint John the Baptist Elementary School, along with the Guardian Angel Day Care Center and an array of supporting facilities.

The Skaggs Catholic Center is also home to Saint John the Baptist Parish, a community established as the Draper Catholic Mission in 1981. The parish and grade school share facilities in a pioneering effort to unite church and school families once the church is built.





The beautiful campus speaks profoundly of God's love for each human person. The art and architecture reflect attention to detail, reverence for beauty, respect for the environment, and optimism about life. Students, parents, teachers and staff will be inspired to work for the common good and to serve others as essential expressions of faith.

The mission of the schools is to educate students in Christian values that are rooted in the past, using modern teaching techniques and facilities, to prepare them as leaders for the future. All aspects of the campus are related to three fundamental and traditional Catholic tenets: *Community, Faith Development, and Learning.*

Community

*T*he high school gathering space suggests the importance of hospitality and community. It serves as the hub for school life, including prayer, performing arts, athletics and student activities. Comfortable, open, and inviting, it provides an atmosphere where the disciplines of communion and mutual responsibility are modeled and learned.

Gracing the west hallway is a terracotta image of The Risen Christ, reflecting the ultimate gift of God's abiding love.





*O*n the east wall is the original bronze bas-relief of Juan Diego, sculpted by Southwest artist Reynaldo Rivera. This work captures the youthful stamina of the school's patron embarking on his journey of faith.

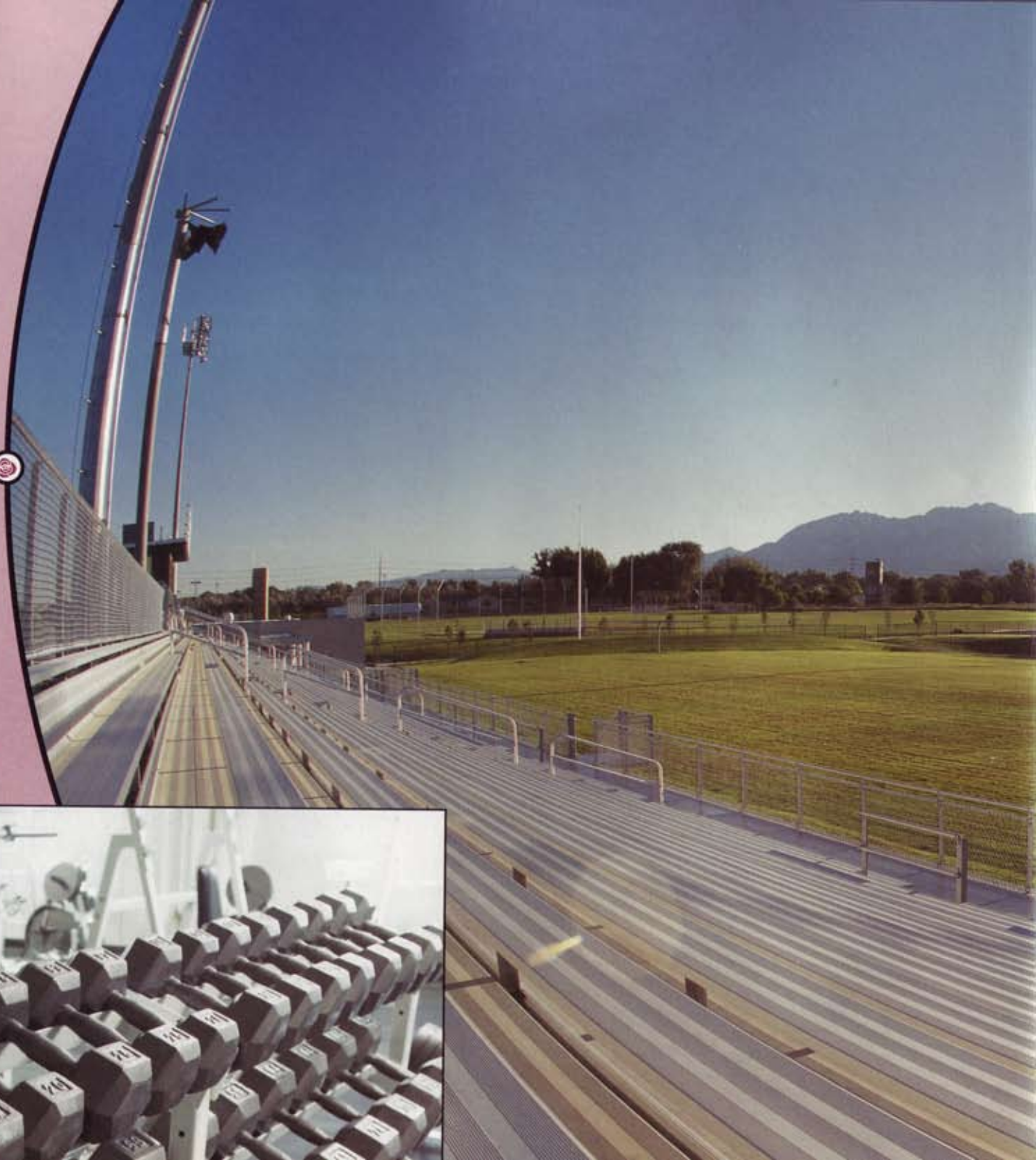


Fieldhouse and Auditorium

*P*hysical education and sports find their value in the sacredness of human life. This is depicted by a statue of Saint Sebastian, the martyred patron of athletes.

Athletic facilities include a 2,000-seat gymnasium, football/ soccer stadium, baseball diamonds, tennis courts, weight rooms, track and equestrian trails, and playgrounds

Community





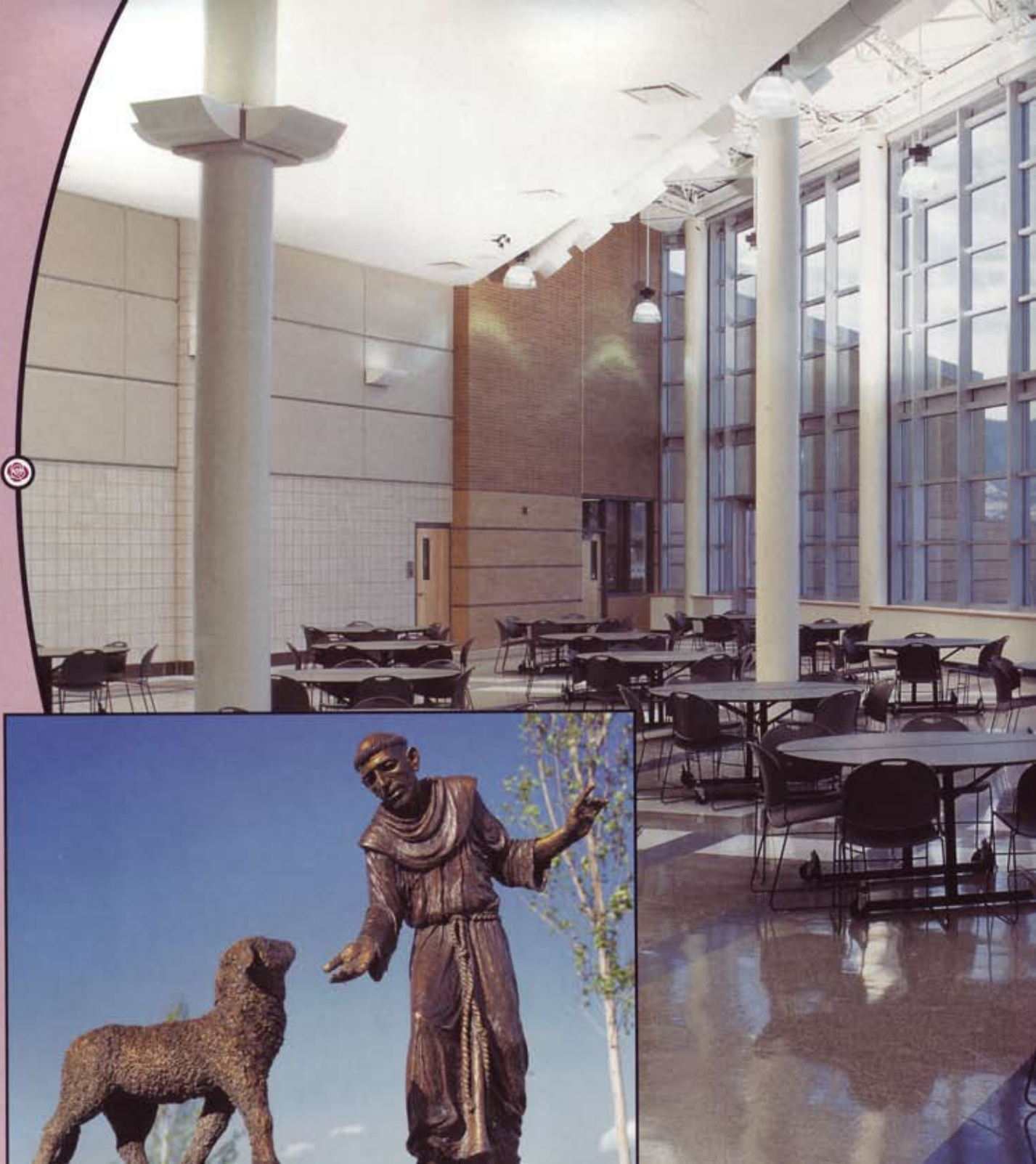
The performing arts find a home in the 1,350-seat high school auditorium. Students will enjoy use of a dance studio, choral and band chambers, little theater, and studios for painting, drawing, and sculpture.

Commons and Patio

*W*ith massive windows framing the Oquirrh Mountains, the Saint Joseph Commons serves as a pleasant place to eat and socialize during school, community, and diocesan events. The statue of Saint Joseph, sculpted by Northwestern artist Michael Dente, reminds visitors of the importance of family.

Outside the commons, the amphitheater beckons with its tiered seating and Dente's statue of Saint Francis of Assisi. Students and visitors are invited to share in the natural beauty of God's creation.

Community





Saint John the Baptist Elementary

*I*n the entrance to the elementary school stands the statue of its patron, Saint John the Baptist. This dramatic image serves as a reminder of Christ's abundant love, poured out in the renewing power of baptism.



Community





*P*roviding daycare for infants and extended day programs for elementary school children is the mission of Guardian Angel Daycare. The spacious, nurturing environment enhances campus support for families.







2. In My Child, To Whom I Give You
As A Gift, I Give You The Gift of
The Holy Spirit, Who Will Live In You
And Remain With You Forever.
He Will Guide You Into All Truth,
And He Will Be With You And
With Me Forever.
Amen.

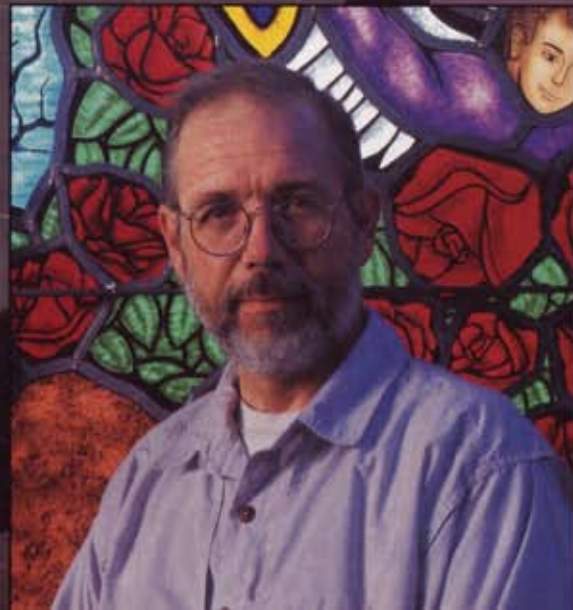
Faith Development: Chapel

Worship is at the heart of faith expression. With its brilliant window depicting the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe to Juan Diego, the Chapel links the campus to the earliest evangelical moments of the Church in the New World. The dramatic stained glass composition was created using techniques that date back to the Thirteenth Century. Local artists Jenkyns and Eli Powell are the master craftsmen.

Like outstretched wings, the panels of Mexican slate embrace the silver Tabernacle and the magnificent Italian-carved Crucifix. The chapel skylight, with its cloud-like suspended overhang, creates an atmosphere for quiet reflection.



*A*t the entrance to the campus, Saint Michael the Archangel stands as protector.



Cross Tower and Garden

*A*s in the earliest monastic schools, the community gathers in faith around the cross, which crowns the central campus tower. The hundred-foot cross tower stands as a beacon of Catholic faith in Utah.

At the foot of the cross tower is a garden of roses native to Mexico, reminiscent of the flowers gathered by Juan Diego at Mary's request. Life-sized bronze statues, sculpted by Michael Dente, capture the humility of Juan Diego in the presence of the Blessed Virgin.

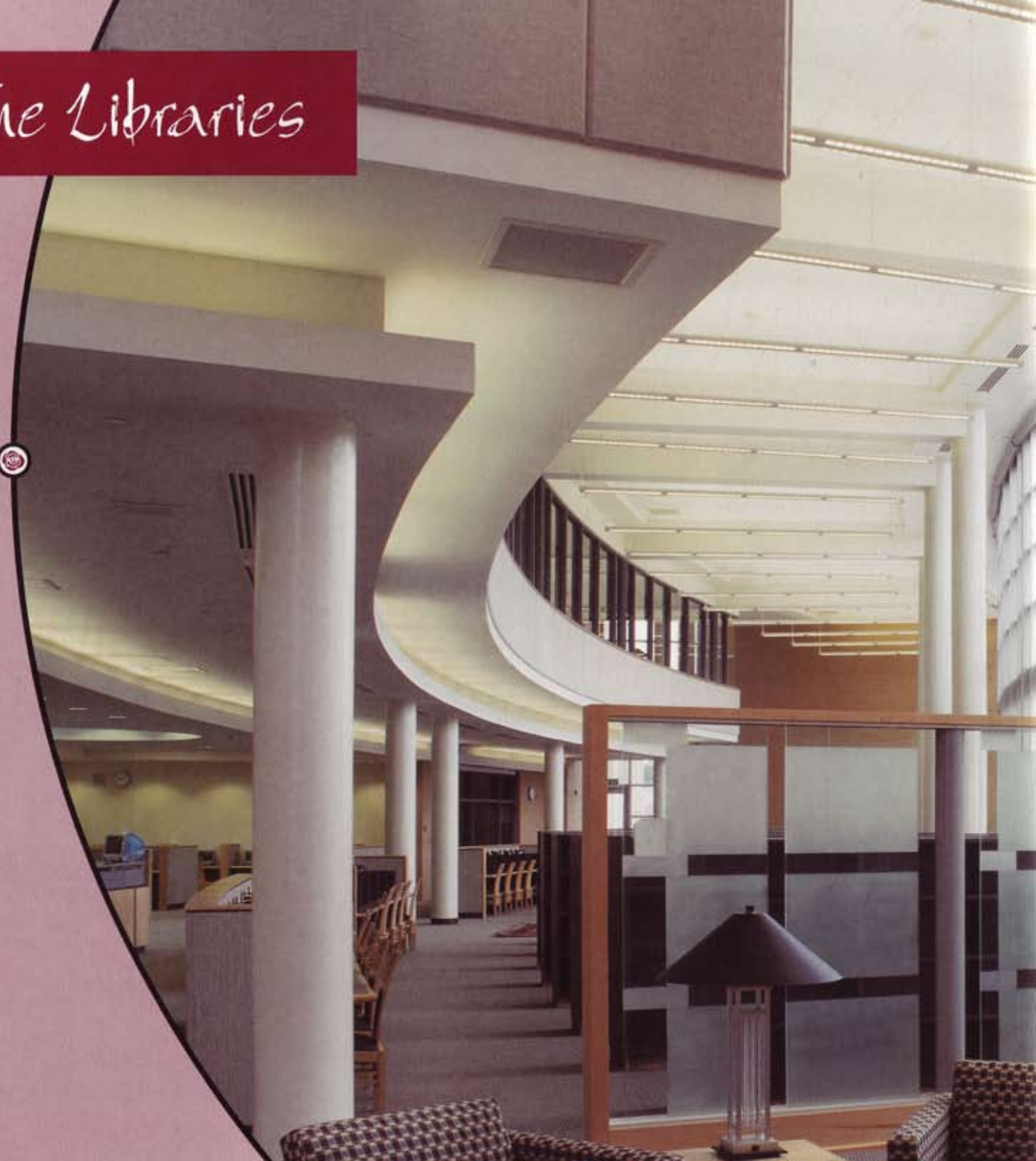
Faith Development





Learning: The Libraries

*W*est of the Chapel is the magnificent high school library. Here, with its panoramic view of the Wasatch Range, students are taught the value of life-long learning. A rich collection of books and periodicals, as well as access to the World Wide Web, provide tools for students and faculty in their quest, and reflect a commitment to both old and new ways of learning.



*A*cross the circle, the elementary school library introduces young students to the world of learning. Through books, computers, and periodicals, children discover that the "desire for God and the love of learning" are inseparable.

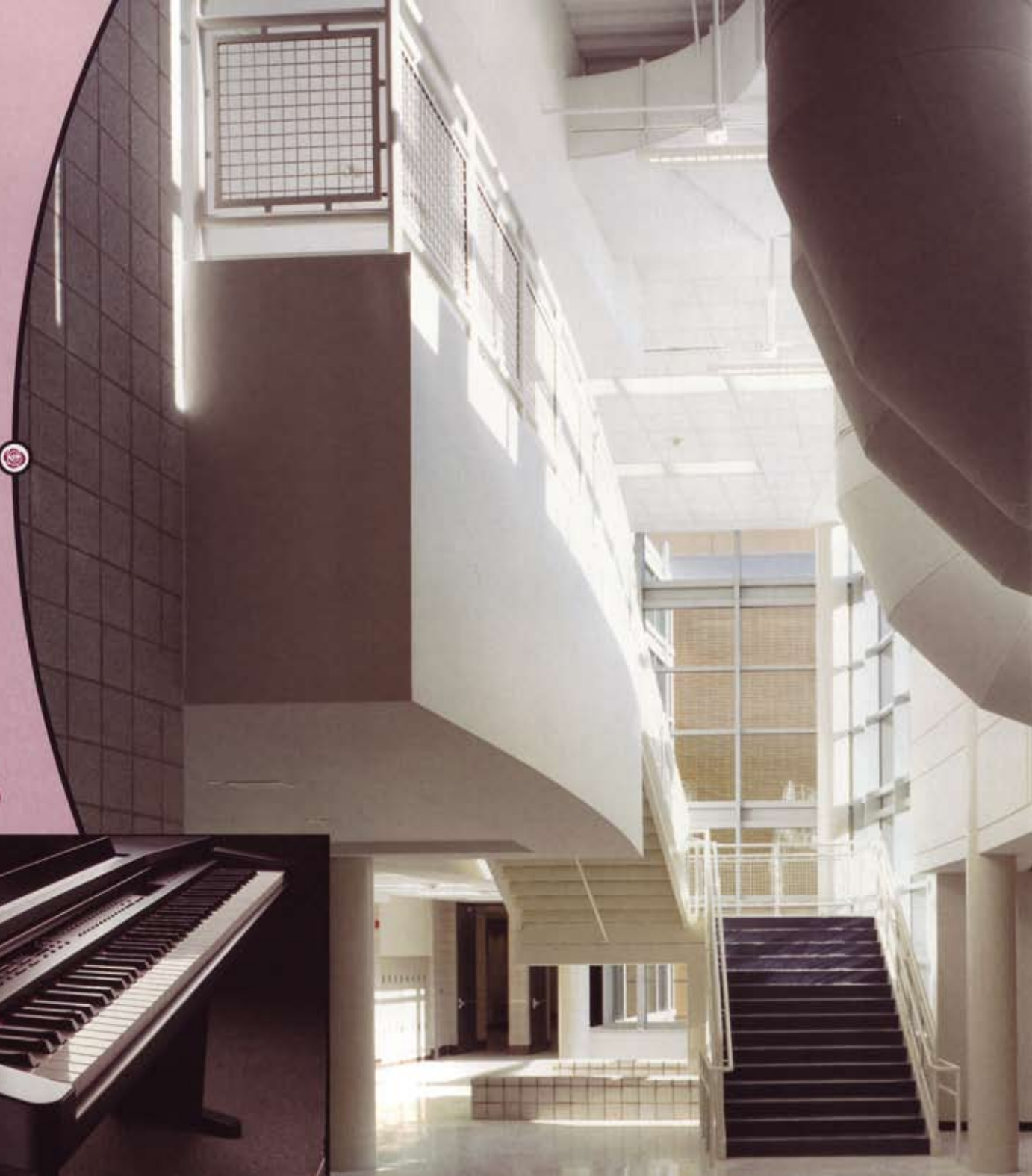


The Arts

*F*rom the libraries, learning centers fan out, providing students with an ideal array of educational opportunities. The literary and visual arts, music and drama, debate and journalism are fostered. The little theatre, art studios, dance, chorus, orchestra, and composition rooms enrich artistic pursuits.



Learning





*A*t the auditorium entrance, the image of Saint Cecilia, the patroness of music, witnesses to the Church's commitment to the arts.

The Sciences

A unique combination of labs and classrooms provide students with a flexible environment for learning opportunities.

The sunlit greenhouse invites students to observe the cycles of nature throughout the year.

Learning



*J*uan Diego, an Aztec Indian, lived in Mexico five hundred years ago. His Nahuatl name, Cuauhtlatohuac, means “Eagle Who Speaks.” One morning, on his way to catechism, he was visited by the Virgin Mary, who asked that a church be built in her honor. As a sign of her request, the Holy Virgin gave Juan Diego roses in full bloom, growing on a barren hill in the middle of winter. When Juan Diego visited his bishop and unfolded his cloak of roses, both were astonished to find the imprint of Mary’s countenance emblazoned on the fabric. Many generations of faithful have venerated this image of Mary, preserved at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City.

The **Juan Diego Catholic High School** crest symbolizes Mary’s apparition and Juan Diego’s humble faith. The sun rising over a hill depicts the dawning of faith in the New World. The eagle represents Juan Diego, soaring below the stars, serving as the link between heaven and earth. The cross and the roses which flow from its base are reminders of Mary’s message: God’s love and hope for people of all places and races.

The Soaring Eagle is the mascot for the high school. School colors are royal blue, turquoise, and silver – colors found in the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

*T*he **Saint John the Baptist Elementary School** crest is dominated by the image of the lamb, representing Christ, baptized by St. John. Emblazoned by the setting sun, the lamb holds a slender, flagged cross, the traditional depiction of the Baptist as the forerunner of Christ. The flowing stream is a reminder of baptism and God’s renewing love for all.

The mascot for the elementary school is the Eagle.

