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Seton Sophomore Set to Dedicate Eagle Scout Project at Mt. Claret Retreat Center

Andrew Polowski, a sophomore at Seton Catholic Preparatory High School and member of Boy Scout Troop 565 at St. Timothy Catholic Church, looks forward to dedicating his Eagle Scout project on Saturday. Andrew's plan was to turn a cactus garden on the west side of the property at Mt. Claret Retreat Center in Phoenix into an All Saints Garden. He envisions it as a "quiet place for people to reflect on God and His role in their lives and inspire people to live holy lives."

Andrew selected Mt. Claret Retreat Center, nestled in the foothills of Camelback Mountain, as the location for his Eagle Scout service project after volunteering there with the Venturing Crew. He met with Tom McGuire, Associate Director of Mt. Claret and a Seton parent, in August of 2010 and they discussed opportunities for a project then.

Andrew quickly got to work and bases to support the statues were built out of concrete and mortar, statues were purchased and plaques were placed on the bases to identify each Saint. Several old statues found on the premises were repainted, benches purchased and gardening completed. In addition, six picnic tables on the property were rebuilt and a dozen others repainted.

Scouts and leaders from the troop, members of the Diocese of Phoenix Catholic Committee on Scouting, and family members were instrumental in performing the work. Mark Stoll, Jr., Seton parent, donated masonry supplies and provided guidance in building the bases and Michael Espinoza and crew from the Diocesan Catholic Cemeteries office, installed the 14 statues and plaques.

The All Saints Garden will be dedicated on Saturday, April 30 at 9:30 am. Fr. Will Schmid, Seton Chaplain and Theology teacher, will bless the garden and statues. The public is invited to attend the dedication.

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