

**SETON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
HALL OF FAME
CLASS OF 2013**

1997 Football State Championship team

"Athletic Hall of Fame Award"

In the fall of 1997, Coach Joe Timpani began his fifth year of coaching the Sentinel football team at Seton Catholic and football program was on a roll. They had reached the playoffs the previous three seasons. Hard work from the coaching staff and the players was about to pay off for Seton Catholic who had not won an AIA State Championship in Football in its forty-three year existence. With the beginning of fall practice, the smell of cut grass and football were in the air. Seton Catholic was ready to start the season; a record 86 players suited up for practice which was about 42% of the male population of the school at the time!

The Arizona Interscholastic Association created a new "Metro" conference made up of the private schools in the Phoenix area. The new conference would prove to be the dominant power of 2A football. Seton finished the season 6-2 and earned their first AIA Regional Championship in school history. Seton went on to power through the playoffs and compete in the State championship game against a very talented Superior High School team. Although the underdog, Seton Catholic won the State championship game 41-19. In winning this game, Seton also set or tied nine 2A championship game records. Seton established new records for most points in a quarter (28), most points in a half (31), highest scoring game (60 points), longest field goal (Zovko 47 yards), longest pass completion (Koehneman to Scott 70 yards), most P.A.T.'s (5 Zovko), longest punt (Spetz, 57 yards), tying records were: Scott's 2 TD receptions and Seton's 41 points scored.

This team exemplified dedication, determination and desire. Another great accomplishment of these athletes was 14 of the 42 players that suited up for the championship game went on to play collegiate sports when they graduated from Seton Catholic.