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Seton Catholic's Visit to City of Taipei Affirms Sister School Relationship and Commitment to Cultural Exchange



CHANDLER, Ariz., Feb. 1, 2018— Administrators and teaching staff from Seton Catholic Preparatory recently traveled to the City of Taipei, Taiwan's capital and cultural hub, where they met with dignitaries, toured area attractions and took part in a reaffirmation signing with sister school Saint Francis High School of Taipei. Seton Catholic Principal Victor Serna, Vice Principal Dr. David Sorkin and Chinese Mandarin teacher Wen Chiu were welcomed to Taiwan's capital by Taipei Mayor Ko Wen-Je with a customary gift exchange and the mayor's recognition of Seton Catholic as a Blue Ribbon School. The

meeting was arranged by Lin Ling Lee, senior advisor, Phoenix Sister Cities Taipei program. *Photo: (left to right) Dr. David Sorkin, Victor Serna, Ko Wen-Je, Lin Ling Lee and Wen Chiu*

In addition to meeting the Taipei mayor, Seton representatives also met with Department of Education Commissioner Tseng Tsan-Chin; Taipei City Council members Wu Shih-Chen and Wang Chih-Ping; and Fire Department Commissioner Wu Chun-Hong.

"We are able to offer our students rich cultural experiences through our sister school partnership with St. Francis School in Taipei," said Seton Catholic Principal Victor Serna. "Our mission of academic excellence, leadership, and loving service to others is not limited by borders or language, and we are proud to work with St. Francis for the benefit of both our communities and our greater Catholic Church."

"Our visit to Taipei affirmed the value of developing relationships and building bridges with students abroad—this is what education is all about," said Assistant Principal Dr. David Sorkin.

Seton Catholic has enjoyed a vibrant cultural exchange program with Sacred Heart School of Tullamore, County Offaly, Ireland, for five years. Since becoming sister schools in 2013, students from Seton and the all-girls Irish high school have participated in exchange visits during the spring and summer.



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The World Languages department at Seton Catholic offers four levels of Chinese Mandarin courses as well as Honors and Advanced Placement French, Latin and Spanish. Seton Catholic students are required to earn two credits in the same world language during consecutive years.

About Seton Catholic Preparatory

A 2017 National Blue Ribbon School, Seton Catholic Preparatory is a diocesan, coeducational high school in Chandler, Arizona, open to students of all faiths and dedicated to academic excellence, leadership and loving service to others. For more than 60 years, Seton Catholic has served the East Valley of Phoenix as the only Catholic college preparatory high school, serving young men and women from parochial, private, charter, public and home schooling backgrounds. Seton Catholic graduates earn scholarships to and attend an array of selective colleges and universities, including state, private and Ivy League schools as well as service academies. Seton Catholic is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, and the Western Catholic Education Association. www.setoncatholic.org.

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