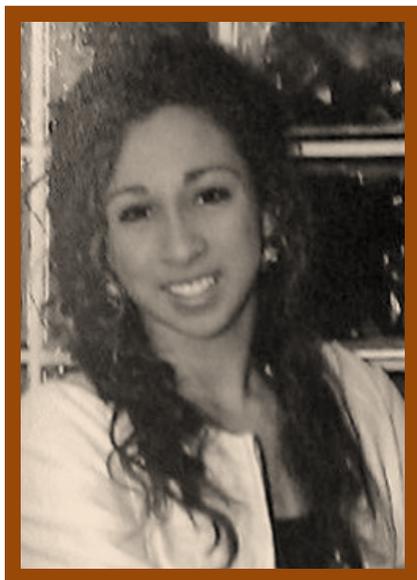


FROM PROJECT TO PASSION



My name is Jocelyn Evans and I am a senior at Seton High School. I first joined St. Leo's Parish several months ago in October of 2012. As a senior at Seton, a portion of the curriculum includes a Senior Project of the student's choice; these projects range from learning to play a musical instrument, to mountain climbing and all the way to what I have chosen to do.

For my senior project, I decided to become involved in a missionary parish in a way that I would be able to learn more about others and about myself in perspective to building my relationship with God. I chose St. Leo's because I wanted to become a part of a parish that truly spreads the message of the Lord through service, family, and most importantly, a close-knit and loving community. Joining St. Leo's has been one of the greatest decisions of my life. I am truly blessed to have been accepted into the parish the way I am and I am also extremely

fortunate that Angela Anno agreed to be my mentor for the project, she is a true gift from God for this parish.

Each week, I look forward to mass and cannot wait to go simply because of the people. I have learned that God works in mysterious ways all of my life - successes, disappointments, as well as positive and negative changes. I have three younger brothers who have always been a perfect explanation to me for the existence of God. Joining St. Leo's, though, has definitely and positively broadened my horizons of seeing God through others. Working every Sunday with The Children's Liturgy Program is such a blessing in itself. Having gotten to know many of these children has shown me Jesus in so many ways - they are so grateful, compassionate, and always eager to learn about their religion. Also, the families of St. Leo's display the love of Christ in many ways some families do not even realize. They have showed me that love is boundless- regardless of what is happening in life, the love of Christ never fails us and we are always able to share it with everyone surrounding us.

Although the Senior Project is what led me to St. Leo's Parish, my presence will not end when the project ends. I decided in that first week that I will truly commit myself to be an active parishioner here because it has totally changed my outlook on the importance of faith in my life.

- *Jocelyn Evans*