

Sept 23, 2011

Dear (future Eagle Scout) Joe Allan,

I can't tell you how pleased I am with the meditation garden project! Your project transformed the backyard of the rectory into a place of beauty, so suitable to prayer and meditation. The variety of plants/shrubs, the trellis (framing the cross) and the bench are of particular note.

I intend to invite the prayer groups of the parish, faith formation classes and SMSA classes to use the garden when they like. I also intend to invite the people of the parish to enjoy a walk through by publishing this letter in the Bulletin and showing it on the church web site.

Your careful planning in consultation with me and your Scout leader was appreciated and well done. Your fund raising approach was very effective. I also express my thanks to the "army" of scouts/parents who assisted you that Saturday. That day was a particularly busy one for me as priest, so I was unable to spend a lot of time to watch "the work in progress", as I would have liked.

When all is said and done, you did a SUPER job. Thank you .

In Christ,

Fr. Joe