

**SAN MIGUEL HIGH SCHOOL**  
**STUDENT REFLECTIONS ON THEIR CATHOLIC, LASALLIAN EDUCATION**  
**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2014**



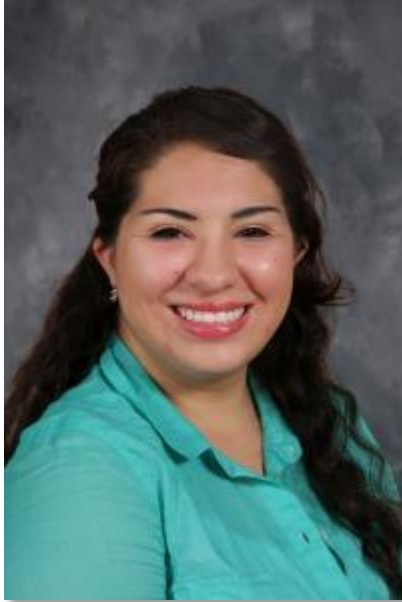
**ELISA CASTRO '17**  
**Freshman, San Miguel High School, Tucson, AZ**

Although I am only a freshman at San Miguel High School this past semester has been one of the best experiences in my entire life. When I first came to San Miguel it was such a culture shock. Everyone was dressed so professionally and there were all very welcoming. The friendly, family-like atmosphere is what made me realize how different San Miguel is from other schools. I really appreciate all of the new wonderful and life-long friends that I have met as well. Being at a Lasallian high school has made my high school experience positive as well. Everyone knows the [Lasallian core principles](#) and we live by them. My faith has also strengthened due to the fact that we pray in each class (seven times a day!). What I value most about being at San Miguel is the community that is within these gates. The students are very welcoming and accepting towards one another. The teachers give amazing help and stay late sometimes until you get out of work just to help you with any struggles. San Miguel is one big Lasallian family!



**SERGIO ARIAS '16**  
**Sophomore, San Miguel High School, Tucson, AZ**

San Miguel has given me many more opportunities in the year and a half I've been here than my friends that attend different schools. I appreciate how hard working our teachers are for my education in this school; their drive, will, and support to make sure that we are not falling behind in our education motivates me to do better in class because I feel I should work as hard as they do to keep my grades up. The students here make my experience very positive. All of my friends here are people that I would actually want to introduce to my family unlike my friends at my old school. What I value most about being a student here is just being part of this Catholic, Lasallian community, it feels good to be surrounded by people that care about me all day.



**REGINA QUIHUIS '15**  
**Junior, San Miguel High School, Tucson, AZ**

The Lasallian environment the school creates is what makes this place so unique. The teachers and staff are so dedicated to the students that the legacy of St. John Baptist de La Salle is manifested through them. Also, the students are respectful, creating an environment so trusting that we are often reminded to lock our lockers. I admire the unconventional learning opportunities that are provided for us. For example, the Corporate Internship Program (CIP) teaches us about professionalism and possible career choices. There are clubs that incorporate [Lasallian Core Values](#), like Lasallian Youth; and retreats that give us time to reflect and provide spiritual growth. There are so many amazing elements that form San Miguel High School that I am unable to imagine what the last three years of my

life would have been like if I went somewhere else.



**CARLOS RODRIGUEZ '14**  
**Senior, San Miguel High School, Tucson, AZ**

I am grateful for San Miguel High School. Grateful that I was taught how to grow up, but I was still pulled back into being a kid as well. Grateful for all the friends that I have made; grateful for everyone being there for me, even on days when I wanted to be alone. I am grateful for the staff, for no matter who I go to, I know I am not alone here, whether it be for tutoring or just to go and vent. I am grateful for our teachers pushing us to be our best. "How was your work?" "How was the testing?" "How are you?" I am grateful for being accepted here. I am grateful for all the time I have spent here, and I will continue to be grateful for everyone here; this is my family. I will forever be grateful for San Miguel. I don't know where I would be right now without this school.