

In this week's Alumnae Spotlight, we feature Sara Garza from the Class of 2012.

Known as "Miss Garza" at Providence Catholic School, Sara is in her second year as the Middle School Religion Teacher.

Sara became a Provet in 2005 as a sixth grader in the FIRST 6th Grade Class at Providence. Throughout her 7 years as a Providence student, Sara served in many leadership roles; she played volleyball and softball, was a member of the National Junior Honor Society and National Honor Society, and was a student ambassador. She was also involved in her faith community, by serving in numerous Teen ACTS retreats and vocational bible schools for younger children.

Upon graduation in 2012, Sara went on to attend Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, where she majored in Health Science. Sara smoothly transitioned into college and attributes this to Providence's academic rigor and standard of excellence. During her college years, Sara

immersed herself in campus ministry. She was active at The Newman Catholic Student Center, Awakening Retreats, and led numerous faith sharing/bible study groups for women. Graduating in 2016, Sara realized that God's Providence was calling her to serve and minister outside of the medical field.

In a complete act of Divine Providence, Sara abandoned her own plans for her life and surrendered to God's intervention. Originally planning to become a nurse, Sara was called to be a middle school religion teacher and minister to the young women whose Saddle Oxford shoes she was once in. Sara returned HOME to PCS and began teaching in the 2017-2018 school year. Sara has quickly captured the hearts of her students and their families. She states she is blessed to be back at her Alma Mater and is thankful to her own religion teachers who helped her grow closer to Christ, understand Scripture, and be open to Divine Providence. Each day, Sara follows in their footsteps and finds joy in teaching her students about Jesus, Sacred Scripture, and about the beauty of our Catholic Church and faith.

Sara's advice to current Provets is to "cultivate positive study habits and good time management skills. Make the most out of your time at PCS by trying out for sports and clubs. Focus on and build the Provet sisterhood. Speaking from experience, 7 years may seem like a long time, but it goes by so fast. I had some of the best moments of my life and made some of the best friendships here at Providence. Most importantly, rely on God and His Providence to guide you throughout your life and glorify Him in all that you do."

Congratulations on all of your accomplishments, and WELCOME HOME, Sara! We are blessed to have you and pray you have a wonderful school year.