

Former Boy Scout Ordained to the Priesthood in Tucson



TUCSON, AZ (June 13, 2023) – Former Scout Alan Soto Hopkins, a deacon with the Tucson Diocese, received his ordination Saturday, June 3, at St. Augustine Cathedral, to become a Priest. Soto Hopkins celebrated his inaugural Mass as a Priest at his beloved home parish in Nogales, AZ, Sunday, June 4, commemorating this joyous occasion with his congregation.

In Nogales, Soto Hopkins was a Scout with Troop 555 of the Cochise District Catalina Council, where he said he cherished his time as a Scout, learning valuable lessons on integrity and gaining a deep understanding of the Boy Scout Oath and Law.

Soto Hopkins says he wholeheartedly appreciates the blessings that came with his involvement in the Boy Scouts, believing Scouting offers remarkable opportunities for young individuals, including character shaping, community engagement, and encouraging socialization.

“With its array of activities, outdoor adventures, leadership development, and emphasis on fostering a strong communal spirit, the Scouting program truly left a significant mark on my life,” Soto Hopkins said.

Presently pursuing studies at Mundelein Seminary in Mundelein, IL, Soto Hopkins plans on continuing his education in Canon Law at the esteemed Saint Paul University in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

About Catalina Council

The Catalina Council, BSA has been serving youth in Southern Arizona for over 100 years and offers development programs for young people from Kindergarten to age 21. For additional information, visit catalinacouncil.org.

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