



Community of St. Andrew,

Sunday, December 15th 2013

This cross has meant a lot to me over the years. Growing up in the neighborhood nearby, I often came to it when I needed to talk with God. I always knew I could talk to the Lord any place, but this location was a special place for me. Once the new stone cross was put in, I suppose it was only natural for the old wooden cross to be forgotten.

When I found it this past Summer, the cross was laying on the ground at the new parking lot construction site with it's left arm severed. Beaten by nearly twenty years from the elements, its wood was weathered and pieces were loose. I took it upon myself to restore it and attempt to make it beautiful once more. After re-attaching the arm, sanding down the weathered wood, I stained the wood and added a gloss protectant. The cross has taken enough of a beating outside, so I've turned it into an indoor piece.

I trust that you will find a nice place in your church to put what is yours. I also hope that this cross can serve as a reminder for all your past accomplishments as well as failures, as both are equally important. They have shaped the community that you are today and can influence what is yet to come. You have built a wonderful congregation and I know God is looking down smiling in all that you have constructed for His glory.

Merry Christmas & God Bless,

Matthew

"Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit." - Psalm 51:12