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I started attending a Catholic school in sixth grade after I had graduated from elementary school. At first, I was hesitant to immerse myself in this new community. I was used to a school setting in which religion was not the main focus in education. It was more of an unspoken ideal that most people shared but never truly embraced. Attending a Catholic school has influenced me by allowing me to learn more about Catholicism and embrace it. It has also encouraged me to use my God-given talents to help me live as God intended.

My mother's side of my family is very religious, so faith has always been a central part of my life and something that I associated with family. My aunt taught me most of the prayers I know, such as Psalm 23, and always advised me to pray if I feel lost and need guidance. My mother and grandmother pray the rosary every night and, through that habit, taught me the importance of the rosary. The gifts that my godmother sends me remind me of God's everlasting love for His disciples. Since Catholic schools have religion at the forefront of their education, attending a catholic school allowed me to recognize how deep my family's connection with religion truly was. It allowed me to form a more evident and closer relationship with God by encouraging me to openly practice my faith and embrace it in a society that views religion as taboo. It also strengthened my relationship with my family by encouraging me to practice my faith similarly to some of my family members.

Just as God gave us life, he blessed us with certain talents and called us to a certain life journey. By going to a catholic school, I was able to discover my talent as it applies to God's vision for my life. Ever since I was little, I have always wanted to help others, specifically using science since I have always been skilled in that subject. However, because of conflicting views between science and religion, I was unsure if God was calling me to pursue a career in a science-related field. In many of my religion classes, I learned that science does not substitute religion but, in some ways, may supplement religious beliefs. With this newfound information, I can feel more comfortable pursuing a science-related career designed to help those in need since I know that it will not lead me away from my faith. I can also feel more confident that pursuing such a career was God's intended plan for me.

My Catholic education has influenced me in various ways. It has helped me to realize how deeply rooted religion was in my family and helped me to form a closer relationship with my family through faith. It encouraged me to stray away from society's view of religion and openly practice my faith similarly to some of my family members. It helped me clear up the misconception that science and religion can never go hand-in-hand and made me feel more comfortable pursuing a science-related career designed to help others. Lastly, it made me feel more confident that I am following the path that God designed for me, and, for this, I am truly grateful.