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“What Catholic School Means to Me”

I have spent my entire school life at Catholic Schools. I attended Most Precious Blood School from grades one to eight, and now attend Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic High School. I am so thankful that my parents gave me the opportunity to go to Catholic School, and I know I have benefitted from it.

When I was younger I was often jealous of my friends who went to public school, but as I have grown, I have realized how beneficial the Catholic School experience has been to me. I know from personal experience that Catholic schools are a community. We are all connected in Christ, which makes us a family. From when I first visited Lourdes, I knew it was the place for me, and I have not been disappointed. Catholic school has helped me build my relationship with Christ and create new relationships in our community at Lourdes. At Lourdes, I know every single person is cared for because we are made in the image of Christ. I have met some of the nicest, kindest people at Lourdes and I am grateful for the opportunity I have been given to meet them. The opportunities we are given to grow in our faith are endless. We are able to pray and attend mass which is a true privilege. We are able to learn about our faith more in depth through our religion classes and can even attend Eucharistic Adoration and prayer services in the chapel. Father Connelly is always there for confession or discussions and regularly sends emails with

prayers or feast days of saints. Catholic schools around the world are also connected through our faith. Catholic means “universal” and while going to a Catholic school you can truly feel the connection between others of our faith. The education I have received here at Lourdes is the icing on the cake. All my teachers put in so much effort to see us succeed and it is so nice to know how much they care. I only have good things to say about my time spent at Catholic school.

Overall, Catholic school has helped me both mentally and spiritually. I know I am being prepared as best as I can be for college and beyond. And I know I will be ready with a strong faith and connection with Christ. I know Catholic school is not an option for everyone, but for me it has been a blessing and I will always remember my time spent here.