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While Jesus was on Earth, he showed us how to serve one another. He showed us that we have to sacrifice our time and possessions to those that are less fortunate than us. Since I am a Christian, it is my duty to fulfill what Jesus taught us. I will fulfill what he said by serving other people and putting smiles on their faces.

Service is a big part of my life because I love to do it and I do it everyday. Service to me can be offered in many ways. Most of the time it comes through in your actions, but I've found out that it can also come through in your words. A simple "Hello," can sometimes cheer someone up. But I think the most important type of service is the kind that you complete with your actions. Service is when you go out of your way to help someone, especially when they didn't ask for it. You do it willingly just for the other person. I love seeing the expression on a person's face when you help them out or make them smile. This is one of my favorite parts of service because it makes me feel like I'm living up to the person God wants me to be.

I have completed many service projects while attending St. Ignatius. I helped set up for the St. Ignatius festival. I had fun with this project because when I went to our school festival and saw people enjoying themselves, I was proud of myself for making some of that happen.

I also volunteered for the Drop Inn Center. There, I served food to the homeless and needy. After you served each person their meal, we said "God bless you." You realize you touch someone when they look up at you, smile, and say "God bless you too." This was an emotionally fulfilling experience.

My Grandparents have trouble getting around so I help out my Grandparents as much as I can. I cut their grass, shovel their snow, and just help them out around the house. There is an elderly couple across my street. Last year I saw that their driveway wasn't completely cleared so I went over and cleared the rest of the snow for them. I love helping the elderly or just having a conversation with them because they are always so happy to see you and they make me smile.

I also serve Mass and I am a Eucharistic Minister at St. Ignatius. Serving Mass contributes a lot to my life. I feel it is a privilege to work in the Church. I love doing it because it makes me feel like I'm more involved in the mass and I'm giving of myself to my parish community. I feel that by being a Eucharistic Minister, I'm taking more responsibility in my growing faith. I am becoming closer to God and trying to be the Christian God wants me to be.

I also believe that doing simple acts of kindness are service. If someone is down one day, I usually text them or ask them if everything is ok. If someone in my family is looking sad I usually go up and give them a hug. I help out my friends when they need it. I help spread smiles with my friends by telling them a joke or just cheering them up. Every time I see my little buddy he always makes me smile because he's so excited when he sees me. I always give him a high-five or a hug. I do many simple acts of kindness everyday from holding a door open or just being kind to everyone.

Being a member of the Catholic faith is a huge part of my life. I will strive to keep it that way. By helping others, I'm being an example to others just as Jesus is an example to me. I will continue to try and help anyone that needs it. I know that I'm doing the right thing when I'm following in Jesus' footsteps.