

Dear Scholarship Committee,

My name is **Sarah Crowley**. I have attended **Immaculate Heart of Mary School** since the first grade and I have been going to the parish for Mass since I was born. I have been involved in numerous activities at the school, the parish and the community.

In 2009, I decided to be more involved in the Mass so I volunteered as a server. I have served one Sunday Mass every week, for a year. Early in the summer of 2010 I became a server captain. Now, not only am I helping in Mass myself, but I am helping others be involved in the Mass. Also I am teaching others to be caring and generous in the parish and community.

The past two summers I helped with Vacation Bible School at the parish. I wanted to help more directly with the younger kids. I wanted to help them learn about God and strengthen their relationships with God. I really enjoyed working with kids.

In addition, the past two summers I did a similar thing by helping with the Parish's summer PRP program. The focus was to teach the little kids songs about God. The kids had fun and I did too. I also helped with the school's Amazing Race. This strengthened the bond between family members.

The parish sponsors an annual garage sale to help their twining community in Batahola. I helped sort the items that have been donated. The items are sold and the money goes to the kids and families in Batahola for people that need help.

I am the co-vice president of IHM's student council. We do various works for the school, including raising money, tours for the school's open house

I am and have been in Girl Scouts for 8 years and as a group, we just completed the Marion Award.

In years past, I have helped my mom run volleyball camps in the summer for the younger kids at the school. She has had it for about 8 years except for this last summer, 2010. I enjoy working with kids and always have fun playing games with them. I like helping them learn things or sports.

This fall I organized a project to make blankets for the pregnancy center in Mt Carmel. I attended a seminar at the place and they showed us the store for the families in need. I decided to help the center by getting donations for material to make blankets. I got donations from family and friends, and asked the IHM PTO for a volunteer grant. I raised \$270 and was able to make 24 baby blankets from the donations. I organized a group of girl scouts to actually hand tied all the baby blankets.

It is true that I have helped a lot in the Parish community. However, what I have done is just a small part of what is being done and what needs to be done. I know that I owe the Immaculate Heart of Mary a lot because I have learned everything I know about God from them. I am going to help teach kids about God because everyone deserves the religious experience and relationship with God that I have. Thank you for taking the time to look over my application.

Sincerely,

Sarah Crowley