

Ryan Saupe-Our Lady of the Visitation-Elder High School

Hello, my name is Ryan Saupe. How have I influenced and made a difference in the lives of others. I have always looked up to my grandpa who taught me how to be a person with great respect to other people. I use this great respect taught to me to be kind to the elderly. My grandpa used to take care of an elderly lady that I liked to visit. She was ninety-nine at the time of this story in the middle of the winter. She lives in this little ranch that has a huge driveway and my grandpa loved to shovel snow, so I went with him to shovel the snow. I made a difference in her life by helping her and being her friend, she called me "Whitey" because of my blonde hair. When we would visit with her she would light up with a smile, she was a wonderful Christian woman.

Another time I help with my grandpa was at the Aubrey Rose American Girl Fashion Show. My grandpa, he, and I drove all over the city in a big U-Haul truck and picked up sandwiches for you to give out. I love to affect the people around me just like my grandpa does and I want to be more like him.

In the seventh grade I volunteered as a Caticust helper for the four year old Sunday School Class. My helping the teacher allowed her to focus more on the lesson of the day. It also helped that the parents of the children could attend church without any distractions from their younger children. It taught me to have patience, patience is the most important quality anyone working with small children can possess.

At the end of each school quarter I volunteer to announce the names of award and honor recipients at the all school assembly.

This year I became a Eucharistic minister at our all school masses. This is a wonderful way to serve God's people in a special way.

Every school day I act as a runner for the school office, I take paper work from the school to the parish office. This helps the school and church staff, enabling them to do more important work with their time.

I'm looking forward to continuing my Catholic education at Elder High School in the fall; I hope to continue to serve others and our Lord.