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I influence others around me on a daily basis at school. I am a Preschool Buddy at St. Francis Seraph School and I take this very seriously. I care about the preschoolers and I try to be a good role model for them. We take them to church on Fridays and I try to teach them how to behave at church as well as explain to them what is going on so they understand it more easily. I also try to be a good role model in general at school. I am respectful of others and I live the Golden Rule by treating others how I want to be treated. I also read to the First Graders on a weekly basis as well as have them read to me so they become strong readers. This also helps them to be excited about school and be good students. I also volunteer at school to take out the trash, I am a bathroom monitor, help with the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program and the Recycling Program.

I am strongly involved with the Destination Imagination Program. Last February we had a competition at Three Rivers High School. Our team practiced for months. On the day of the competition some of our team didn't show up so the rest of us had to step up our game for the competition. The judges were very impressed and we ended up placing in the top three for the first time ever that our school has been involved in Destination Imagination. As a result of this, a spectator made a big donation to our program. We were able to purchase playground equipment that our whole school can enjoy. I am proud to have been part of this effort and this has directly made a difference for all the students at my school. This year for the competition we are doing a beautification renovation project where we are cleaning and organizing the Art Room.

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I am excited to continue my volunteering in high school while attending Purcell Marian High School. It is important to give back to the community and I would like to volunteer back at St. Francis Seraph School on my off days. I believe I am making a difference in the lives of others.