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We live in a world where turning on the news leads to an overwhelming stream of depressing knowledge. Many people have become resigned with this fact, choosing to live in a cloud of darkness. However, the world has both good and bad in it. If we choose to only see darkness, are we really seeing the world at all? Instead of focusing what's wrong in the world, we can try to find things that can be good and work to make them better. By working to nurture my cousin's faith, helping at mass, and raising money for cancer research, I hope to create good, and show others that there *is* still light in the world.

A couple of years ago my cousin was baptized. My uncle originally wanted me to be her godmother, but since I was not Confirmed, I couldn't be. My mom is now her godmother, but I still want to help her grow. This is, especially, because my first name is her middle name, and that is a very cool connection between us that I hope she'll recognize as she gets older. My godparents have always been role models for me, and I want to guide her in similar ways. I want to act as a big sister, a confidant, and part of her faith.

Every time I say, "The Body of Christ," or, "The Blood of Christ," I still can't believe that I literally get to help bring Jesus to people. Having that sense of vocational fulfillment is amazing. A Eucharistic minister is a role that I have looked up to, and now I get to possibly be a role model for people who look up to the role as well. This role is also important to me because it helps me to become more involved and focused in Mass. Therefore, I not only get to distribute either the Body or Blood of Christ, I can become more focused on the true meanings of Mass.

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A couple of years ago around Easter, I sat at my desk before bed. I'm not quite sure what I was doing, but I remember pulling a small cardboard sign out of a drawer. It read, *Cards from the Heart and Hand~ One Card for Fifty Cents*. I think it was from when I was around five or six. However, it sparked an idea. A couple of years prior to finding the sign, my grandfather had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. I decided to use the name and idea (making cards) to raise money for St. Jude's, a place that, among many other things, does cancer research. I began to hand make cards for any occasion, depending on what people ordered. I received overwhelmingly amazing support from my family and friends. I continue to run this business today, and so far have made \$350 in cards, and helped to raise over \$1,000 altogether for the children of St. Jude's.

When we focus on the dark, it only helps it to cloud over the light more. By being a role model for my cousin, distributing the Body and Blood of Christ, and raising money for cancer research, I hope to instead make that light even brighter. "Lift up your eyes and see the good in the world, for we are people with an amazing capacity to do great good. And if only the minority choose to exercise this capacity to the smallest degree, oh how wondrous and sweet the deeds performed at but a few hands" (Richelle E. Goodrich). To me, this quote means that we have unlimited abilities to do good in the world, and if only just a few people acted on that, the world would be a much better place. I want to be someone who not only chooses to see the good in the world, but is going to *be* the good in the world.