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My career at Seton High School is coming quick, and I can't wait! As the second oldest of four children, I see the great things my older brother, Mark, has accomplished. Just like him, I want to be involved in so many of the opportunities that high school has to offer while I am there. The motivation behind what I have done so far at St. Dominic is my Catholic faith and the belief that life is beautiful. With this kind of attitude, I have already and will continue to affect the lives of people around me at home, at school, and in my community.

My parents impress upon us kids to realize that God is always present in our daily lives and in everything we do. Knowing this, I personally choose to live life fully, always remembering to be compassionate to the people around me. My Grandpa often tells me with that characteristic I will make a great mom someday. I live by being active in my Catholic faith, developing friendships, serving others, and just enjoying everything God has created. It starts with my immediate family. On a regular basis, I selflessly babysit my younger brother and sister a lot so that my parents can attend my older brother's swim meets. They both would not be able to attend together unless I offered my help to babysit. I figure money is tight for my parents. With my help, it does save them money not having to get a babysitter. My service to others goes beyond my family to helping neighbors move in, cleaning my grandparent's house, and sitting with my sick neighbor.

My life is filled with many blessings and I show my gratitude to God by being an altar server and Eucharistic Minister for Mass at St. Dominic Church. Serving God at church helps me to recognize that life is meaningful and worthwhile. In addition, I am also on the Christian Service Committee at St. Dominic School. As faithful servants to God, I have been taught that we need to develop our talents, and take on responsibilities which affect the people whose paths we cross. I look forward to continuing Campus Ministry while at Seton.

Other opportunities that I have been able to affect those around me include rallying my parish community to sign Right to Life letters to send to politicians of different government levels. Unfortunately, some people don't look at life as a gift from God. My opinion is that life is God's blessing to be enjoyed and celebrated. I believe that we should be pro-life. To prove that, I have helped nail crosses in the ground at The College of Mount St. Joseph indicating how many abortions occur in the United States every day. I pray that my help affects the lives of those unborn babies.

I am familiar with the Aubrey Rose Foundation since I was lucky enough to have been chosen to be a model for the American Girl Fashion Show. Becoming more familiar with the Aubrey Rose Foundation, I have since helped out at the heart transplant summer picnic and I had lots of fun while labeling numerous ReliaDose bottles. I also enjoy being a good example to my school community when teachers ask me to tutor younger students because of my good grades and study habits. Often times I affect the people around me by the ordinary day to day helping of Mom around the house or teachers at school. When the day is over, I always feel thankful to God for the chance to make a difference in the lives of people I helped that day.

Throughout the years, I have participated in sports teams for St. Dominic School. I have played golf, volleyball, soccer, and softball. No one, but my parents, would consider me a superstar. They definitely wouldn't confuse me with the select team players either, but I enjoy being with my team. Being together on a team affects many people from the other players, to the coaches, and to the parents watching. Everyone relies on each other to do their share and to give their best efforts.

In all that I do, I really do try to strive to be a part of something much bigger than myself and this helps me to deepen my friendships with my classmates. God did not put me on this earth to be selfish and alone. My life has a great meaning and purpose, and I'm here to share it!

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