

Elise Kenney - Our Lady of Victory - Seton High School

St. Therese of Lisieux said, "Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love. This quote exemplifies how I feel about making a positive influence on other people. I currently attend Our Lady of Victory School in Cincinnati, Ohio. I always try my hardest to have a positive impact on my family, school, and parish. Being kind and a good role model is very important to me and I strive to do so as best I can.

At my school, I have many opportunities to help others and be a positive influence in their lives. I am a Student Council officer, as well as a National Junior Honor Society member. I also participate in multiple clubs and activities involving my school and parish. These roles and activities help me to become a better leader and to set a good example for the younger members at my school. Being a leader is an important skill to have, and I take every chance to improve that skill. I am also a member of my school's Ambassador Board which helps organize and carry out charity drives and community service events.

Throughout the eight years that I have attended Our Lady of Victory I have played various sports: soccer, basketball, softball, golf, and volleyball. Each of these sports has helped me gain the qualities of sportsmanship and team spirit which help me positively affect the people in my life. Another place in which I try my hardest to serve others is in my parish. At Our Lady of Victory I have organized and helped with many charitable events and fundraisers. I recently had the idea to offer hot chocolate, coffee, and cookies to the people waiting in line at Christmas for the Victory Food Pantry. The line is usually long and everyone has to stand out in the cold so this was a way to warm them up. I was able to encourage my classmates to help and get service hours as well. I always try my hardest to be a good leader and to set a good example for the younger kids in my community by volunteering at Family Masses and participating regularly in Adoration and the sacraments. I will continue to work hard and help in my parish after I graduate.

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Along with helping in my school and parish I also help out in my everyday life with my family. I babysit for my little cousins regularly for no pay. I am able to spend time with them and help my aunts and uncles. Since I often tutor at my school I am also able to help my little brother do his homework and study for upcoming tests. I am also blessed to have living great-grandparents whose house we go to fairly often. They are always so happy when I come to visit and tell me they appreciate my company. Out of all the people I positively affect in my community, my family will always be the most important.

I always try to be a positive influence for everyone I come in contact and will try to pass that trait on to my brother, my cousins and the other younger members of my school and community. I am proud of all the service that I do in and will continue throughout my years in high school.