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What is the best type of ice cream?

Vanilla is the best flavor, because I believe it is the most versatile. Vanilla goes with most desserts, while other flavors are limited.

What do you consider to be your greatest personal victory?

In high school, I devoted all my extra time to achieving perfect grades. During my last three semesters of college, I established a healthy boundary for homework. I earned average grades above 90% and dedicated the extra time to service and leadership in my Catholic community on campus.

What was the first thing that you learned about Jesus?

It is hard to remember what I first learned about Jesus, because I was taught about Him since birth. One fact that stands out is that Jesus chose twelve men to follow Him. One of the earliest memories I have from Catholic elementary school is a song about Jesus gathering His twelve apostles. The song was taught to me by my first-grade teacher. *"Peter, Andrew, James, and John left their nets to follow you..."*

How have you celebrated this Jubilee Year?

I will be going on a short pilgrimage to Rome in November. During this time, I hope to become more aware of the spiritual richness of the Catholic Church by visiting places like St. Peter's Basilica, Assisi, and the tombs of saints. The Jubilee Year was traditionally a time when debts were canceled. The most important way I have celebrated has been taking more time in prayer to meditate on God's mercy. God cancels my debt of sin! As a result, I have felt more gratitude for God's gift of the sacrament of reconciliation.

What is your favorite verse from St. Paul's writings?

1 Corinthians 9:22 says, "I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some." This verse displays Paul's sacrifice of preference, schedule, and social status to share Christ's love. Paul is teaching Mother Church to evangelize. As Catholics, we should be all things to all people. We should relate to them in

everything but sin, for the sake of leading them to Christ. To live with this conviction, Paul must choose God in every moment. This verse has helped me reframe my daily life. This does not mean filling every minute with service. However, it has meant changing how I approach my routine. If I do anything without the intention of growing closer to God, I have wasted my time. For example, when I wake up or when I brush my teeth, am I open to what He is teaching me in that moment? I believe living in this way is how Paul receives conviction to love. He has found God and desires nothing more than to share Him.

Which virtue exemplified by St. Paul do you most aspire to?

The first virtue Paul uses to describe love is patience (1 Cor. 13:4). Patience is a moral virtue that allows a person to endure difficulty and suffering without giving in to despair. I often think of how patient God is with me. My sin causes Him so much suffering, but he gives His mercy unconditionally. Patience is a simple and very direct way to imitate my Creator. I aspire to the virtue of patience because it helps me embrace God's will. The moments when patience is most difficult, but I still choose patience, are the times when I am most actively participating in His divine life. When I am patient, I am most perfectly receiving God's gift of the present moment. When I am not patient, I reject His gift. I like to imagine my life as a large mixing bowl which represents my time here on earth. God adds ingredients to the bowl to craft the perfect recipe for my salvation. These ingredients include situations that are easy to receive and situations that I view as unfortunate. The more I exercise patience in unfortunate situations, the more I embrace His call to holiness. When reflecting on the times I was not patient, I imagine myself saying to God, "I do not believe you are providing the grace to endure this difficulty. I do not trust Your plan for my salvation. Therefore, I reject this reality and want a different one." I am most joyful when I am patient.

Which saint should people invoke for your vocation?

St. Ignatius of Loyola. I strongly relate to his interior life and how he was drawn closer to God through a leg injury. I also admire Ignatius' desire for greatness and his spiritual exercises.