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Excellence, Faith, and Service

In order to lead my way for excellence is to achieve my goals by working hard. Building up my mindset and learning skills will help me become a better person as I grow older. Therefore, this is important for Catholic schools to focus on excellence because it keeps us motivated by the amount of effort we've put into our work. I will incorporate success into my life by staying on track and understanding my role while keeping myself balanced. Excellence has impacted my Catholic education by learning through my failures and fighting through my weak areas. This can help me think about what I'm passionate about in my career and what skills I can create in my community.

Faith is important to me, and I believe it is God who gives me strength, courage, and trust every single day. Catholic schools focus on faith because it teaches us the significance of what God has done for us and how God sets a perfect example for human beings. This helps me incorporate the understanding of God's message while learning how to improve myself. The faith instilled by

my parents and my Catholic education has impacted my life through meaningful moments that have influenced my life. Moreover, faith will give me wisdom that will prevent me from anything negative that will harm my beliefs, which will keep me strong in dignity as a Catholic.

Service is something that can help me gain learning experience while finding ways to help our community in need. Furthermore, this will help Catholic schools to guide their students into better understanding and reflect what the people are going through in our real world rather than ignoring our peoples' struggles. We can transform our community by taking action to serve others with our knowledge and skills. In order to incorporate my skills is to become a better student with connection and communication from my service experiences, which can bring up my confidence. Additionally, getting experience in different organizations will help me a lot through my future. The service incorporated into my Catholic education has impacted my life with the acknowledgment of what our society goes through and how I'm making a change in someone's life. Catholic schools continuing their mission will lead their foundation to strongly build up for the better good in our society.