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## What is the best type of ice cream?

The best type of ice cream is chocolate with cookie crumble. The chocolate provides a rich flavor while the cookie crumble adds a slightly crunchy texture, creating a delicious combination.

## What do you consider to be your greatest personal victory?

While attending a secular college, I helped a friend convert to the Catholic faith by simply being a witness to a life of genuine happiness. This has always stayed with me as a remarkable victory that God accomplished through me.

## What was the first thing that you learned about Jesus?

As a child, the first thing I remember learning about Jesus was His love for me. The words to the song, "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so" come to mind as an early memory. The message was simple but powerful. Jesus truly does care for me and desires an intimate relationship with me in the same way that my parents love me.

## How have you celebrated this Jubilee Year?

This Jubilee Year, I joined thousands of other pilgrims in the 22-mile Walk to Mary, travelling to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion. This was a powerful experience where I saw pilgrims from across the country witness to their Catholic faith and devotion to Mary. This journey helped renew my love for Mary and commitment to her son, Jesus. The walk was especially powerful during this Jubilee Year, as the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion has been designated as a sacred place of pilgrimage within the diocese.

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

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (Galatians 2:20). I love this verse from St. Paul because of its deep insights into how we can unite ourselves with Christ. St. Paul first points to the cross where Jesus was crucified. Like Jesus, we are called to take up our crosses daily and bear life's

sufferings. Through this, the parts of ourselves that fall to temptation and sin can die. And in their place, we can allow Christ to live instead.

I also love this verse for its underlying focus on the Eucharist. How might we allow Christ to live in us? By taking his flesh and blood into our own bodies for sustenance! This verse reminds us that the Eucharist truly is an essential part of our faith. Every time we receive the Eucharist, we unite with Christ and allow Him to live in us.

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

Humility is the virtue of St. Paul's that I most aspire to. Despite his clear leadership position in the Church, Paul consistently shows humility in his writing. For example, in his First Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul says, "For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God" (1 Corinthians 15:9). If anyone could boast of himself, it would be St. Paul the Apostle. However, he refuses to do so.

Importantly, St. Paul does not just diminish himself but exalts God in his place. Immediately after calling himself the least of the apostles, he credits the grace of God for his good works. This is important because humility is not just self-deprecation, but it requires recognizing your strengths and viewing them as gifts from God.

In my life, it is all too easy for pride to work its way in, and the struggle to remain humble is never-ending. Even my good works can lead to pride if they are not done for the glory of God. With St. Paul as a role model, though, I hope to continue to grow in humility and praise God for the good He has done through me.

## Which saint should people invoke for your vocation?

**St. Joseph.** He is my confirmation saint and an incredible example of faith in God's plan. I look to him for guidance in my own faith and admire his dedication to Jesus.