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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.



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What is the best type of ice cream?

Vanilla! It may be considered the most "basic" flavor, but one cannot deny its timeless versatility and great taste.

What do you consider to be your greatest personal victory?

My greatest personal victory is my decision to enter the Kairos Year. This was a very difficult decision that forced me to take a step outside of my comfort zone and surrender myself more fully to the Lord's holy will, trusting that His plans are greater than mine.

What was the first thing that you learned about Jesus?

The first and most foundational truth that I came to know about Jesus Christ is that He possesses a deep love for me. While to many this may seem like a simple concept, it is one that is tragically overlooked. He loves each created person infinitely. Despite all the joys and sorrows of this world, we have the consolation of knowing that we are always deeply loved by our Blessed Lord.

How have you celebrated this Jubilee Year?

Admittedly, I entered this Jubilee Year with a very limited understanding of what a Jubilee Year truly entailed. However, as I have learned more about the tremendous beauty of this Holy Year, I have taken up several practices to celebrate this Jubilee of Hope. Firstly, I have sought to cultivate a deeper devotion to the sacraments of reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist to better prepare myself to receive every grace and heavenly blessing the Lord is seeking to bestow upon me. Also, I have made several pilgrimages to holy sites and have sought to practice works of mercy.

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

2 Corinthians 12:9: "But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me." In our fallen human state, we are all flawed and struggle in living the Christian life. Yet, it is precisely in this weakness that we are invited to completely rely on the grace of the

Lord. In acknowledging this weakness and dependency on Christ, we allow Him to sustain us with His love. The world often tells us to hide our weaknesses, but the Lord tells us to lay them down at the foot of His saving Cross. What the world sees as failure, we as Christians see as an opportunity for transformation. In the struggle of weakness, we are united with Christ and made strong through his light.

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

The virtue exemplified by St. Paul that I most aspire to is his deep zeal for the salvation of souls. In a remarkable encounter on the road to persecute Christians in Damascus, Paul encountered the Risen Lord who changed the entire trajectory of his life. Following this encounter, Paul's heart was set ablaze, and he went forth proclaiming the Gospel across the Roman Empire to primarily non-Jewish people. Paul was fervent in evangelization and won many souls for the Kingdom of God, establishing local churches and correcting theological error. Through imprisonment, beatings, and eventual martyrdom, Paul's zeal for souls never wavered as he placed the building of the Kingdom ahead of his personal comfort and safety. In this tenacious cooperation with the grace of almighty God, St. Paul displays a zeal for souls and spirit of evangelization that I deeply admire and hope to practice in my daily life. Despite being separated by centuries, our present age shares a similar crisis. In modern culture, Christ is far from the forefront which results in many souls not knowing his love and the truths of the Gospel. Although many differences exist between the time of the early Church and today, the parallels are undeniable. Thus, there is a great need for us to emulate the holy apostle Paul's zeal for the salvation of souls as we seek to win souls for the Lord.

Which saint should people invoke for your vocation?

St. Maximilian Kolbe. Through his priestly ministry and eventual martyrdom, he offered a profound example of unwavering courage, charity, and total surrender to the Lord. These are all virtues that I seek to emulate. Saint Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us!