7th Grade Religion: Summer Mission Statement Reflection

Rom 8:28 "All things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose."

At Monsignor Clarke School, we have a mission statement: Rooted in the teaching of Jesus, the mission of Monsignor Matthew F. Clarke, a Catholic regional elementary school, is to educate students in a warm and nurturing environment, rich in Catholic faith and tradition. In partnership with parents/guardians, we inspire, challenge, and educate our children through word and example. As students grow in faith, love and knowledge, they become thoughtful and strong individuals who will become responsible leaders in our global society. This helps us understand the goals and purpose of our school. But how about you? What is your mission? How do/will you make decisions in your life?

Your assignment this summer is to answer the following reflection questions, adapted from Sean Covey's "7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens", to prepare you to write your mission statement next fall. **Please answer one question per week with AT LEAST THREE SENTENCES (unless it is a list) on this paper OR in your Religion journal (yes you can continue to use the one from this year if you would like).** You may use additional paper or the end of the last page if you need more room. This will be checked for completion during the first week of school for a Quiz Grade.

1. Think of a person who has influenced you positively. What qualities does that person have that you would like to develop? Thank God for this person and pray to develop these positive qualities.

2. Imagine your life 20 years from now. Who is important in your life? How are you spending your time? Pray for God's guidance over the next 20 years.

3. If you could spend one-day studying anything you wanted what would you study? Explain why you chose this topic.

4. List 10 things you love to do. Hopefully you can spend time doing some of these activities this summer! Thank God for these activities and your ability to do them.

5. How has your faith influenced your life? How do you expect your faith to develop during this year? Pray for increased faith.

6. Five years from now the Providence Journal wants to feature the story of your life. They interview three people who know you best. What would you want them to say about you? Pray for success in middle school and high school.

7. Think of something that represents you... a song, a piece of art, a poem, an animal. Explain why it represents you.

8. If you could spend an afternoon with any person that ever lived whom would you pick and why? What would you ask this person?

9. Everybody's Got Talent. What are your talents? What are your God given gifts? How are you using these talents and gifts? How might you use these talents and gifts in the future? Thank God for these gifts and ask for guidance on how to use these to fulfill His will for your life.

10. Describe a time when you were inspired. Why were you inspired and what did it inspire you to do? Pray for continued inspiration in your life during the upcoming school year.