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Class of 2011

As a second grader, I entered through the St. Monica School doors for the first time! Immediately, I was engulfed by warmth. My beautiful teacher smiled at me and my classmates greeted me enthusiastically. From that moment on, I felt that I was part of the St. Monica School family.

Throughout the years, this supportive and comforting feeling has encouraged me to grow both spiritually and academically. During my younger years, I learned how to be a good friend and a good Christian. My First Communion helped me to see and feel God's love. I embraced God and learned from Jesus.

As the years progressed, my classmates and I had good days and bad days. We learned to work together and recognize each other's strengths. Just like the 6th Grade Ropes Course, we discovered that teamwork and faith can overcome even the most challenging obstacles. My days at St. Monica taught me how hard work and perseverance can lead to great things. Mrs. Clappier's Wax Museum helped me realize that after months and months of re-writes and corrections, I really could produce an epic paper!

My confidence continued to grow. In junior high, I was constantly encouraged by friends and faculty to try new things! I became a cantor, joined student council, and played volleyball. St. Monica provided me opportunities to step out of my comfort zone and stretch myself. In 8th grade, I became part of the Executive Board of Student Council and represented St. Monica at a leadership conference. These new experiences gave me skills I would carry with me forever.

My faith has also continued to grow. I learned to appreciate all of God's gifts, and though it is not always easy, to try to live each day as Jesus would. Because of St. Monica School's support and encouragement, I was truly able to live, love and learn through Jesus!

I will always cherish my time at St. Monica School. I will take the lessons and the gifts it gave me and use them wisely. I will be forever grateful for the foundation SMS provided me for my future.