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Topic:

“Dear young people, we didn’t come into this world to ‘vegetate,’ to take it easy, to make our lives a comfortable sofa to fall asleep on. No, we came for another reason: to leave a mark.”
Pope Francis made this statement at the 2016 World Youth Day. As a person of faith, how would you like to make your mark on your community?

God created us, through salvation history to share his love for everyone and to love God. According to Pope Francis on World Youth Day, during the beginning of the papacy, he says that we need saints that can do everything such as: drink soda, play video games, eat pizza, go out of the country, and do much more. God created everyone with unique and different gifts and talents to make a difference in the world, but also to share his love with everyone in the world.

I am diagnosed with high functioning autism. I have strong sides and weak sides. Even regular people, everyone has their strengths and weaknesses. People with learning differences can also make a big mark in the world. I am gifted with mathematics, science, religion, cooking, piano, memorization. As I am gifted with mathematics, I use my knowledge to help those who struggle with math at my school. If I am gifted with math, I could use my science skills in a mathematical way to understand how the nature of the world was created in a physiological way and explain to other people how God created our natural world and our bodies in a physiological way. Science cannot answer any questions regarding beliefs. The universe was created a billion years ago, as old as salvation history. My memorization skills can help my community stay on top of everything. For example: Mr. Reginald Brady, the former Deans of Students at Bishop McNamara High School, asked me what time does that lunch end. He knew that I was gifted with memorization. He also wanted to make sure that he announced to all students that lunch is almost over and make sure that students throw their trash away. In terms of cooking, I am more of an Italian cook. Many people in my family beg for my pasta because they say that it tastes really good. I play the piano for the greater glory of the Lord to bring Christ to others. I like songs such as Church hymnals.

God gave everyone a free will to give a good mark or bad mark to the community. An example of a good mark is that I used the skills that I mentioned earlier, to help those around me, not just for others to see what I do. An example of a bad mark would be being arrogant.

According to the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus teaches us not to make a mark to the community, in order for people to see them. We all are called to be humble servants. Humble servants make a true mark in the community. No one is perfect, but we are called to respond humbly, if we forget something. For example: Even though I am gifted with math, I honestly told a math teacher at my school, Mrs. Mary Sykes, I forgot how to solve a 30-60-90 angle. I do not want to give the struggling student the wrong information on how to solve the 30-60-90 angle. It was since freshman year that I learned that concept. Remember, if I do not use it, I lose it. We, on earth, are humans, but are not angels, so we tend to make mistakes. If we were perfect, we would not be humans living on earth. "Saints" make a true and positive mark to the community.

