

Matalena Portillos

Confirmation 2

Discernment Project

Through the process of Confirmation, I've grown a lot in my faith. Going to mass, participating in class, and through my service hours in the community, I grew closer to God, prayed a lot more than I was before and grew closer to God. As I've gotten older, my faith has grown because I've been able to comprehend what's happening in mass better and participate. As I've gotten older, I've also retained more information and wisdom of the world around me, and this helps me understand the Bible stories I learn, my relationship with God and also what is happening during mass. Right now I have a good relationship with God. There have been a few times in my life where I've wondered why God decided to put something or take something from my life, and one of these situations happened right before I began confirmation when I lost my grandma, but through confirmation, I turned back to God, and have grown even closer to Him than I ever have been before, and don't question anything He has done to my life. I know that God is guiding me to all good things in my life, and through me staying close with God, it's easier for me to hear where He is telling me to go with my life. Some people close in my life are recently facing not getting their diploma, and one is considering quitting school and has started using drugs. These people I was close with, and I wondered why they started drifting away, but now I see that God knows all, and was doing everything for a reason, and is pushing me to do great things in school. I think I can always grow closer to God, always pray more, always talk to him more. I've chosen Saint Therese of Lisieux as my saint because this was my grandma's favorite saint, but also Saint Therese has been a Saint present in my life a lot since childhood in

many ways. I chose my Grandpo Gilbert, who is also my God-Father to be my sponsor because he's always been a big in the Catholic church, and I knew he'd be able to teach me a lot throughout this process in my life. After I'm confirmed, I want to continue to help at the Vacation Bible school and Catechism classes, and fiestas at Nativity and St. Therese, and continue helping at St. Therese Catholic school. Lastly, making this next step in my life is important to be because I've seen God help so many people in my life and help so many people. God has helped me in my life so much, so getting closer to Him is also why I wanted to make this next step.