

Class of 2009 Graduate Testimonial

This is what being at St. Pius X has meant to me. When I think of this school, I think, “second home”. Yes, it’s still school, but I don’t think I’ve ever been in one where everybody is so close! The teachers know where we live, for goodness sake! Throughout my years here at St. Pius, I’ve developed so many great relationships with so many different people. These just show the bonds that everyone has, whether it’s between the teachers & students, with the students, or among the parents, teachers, and students!

I’d really like to thank my parents, first of all, for sending me here! I also thank them so much for all the time and support they have given St. Pius X and me. I just couldn’t see myself attending any other school that would’ve felt as right as this one. Sure, the rules are tougher, & the teachers are strict, but I’m thankful for that now! They’ve really taught me the true values of respect & other values that many people nowadays don’t have. I feel so honored and blessed to have been able to attend St. Pius X School. Any parent who’s undecided about sending his/her child here shouldn’t think twice. Trust me, the time and money spent will be worth it. Because in the end, you’ll have a smart kid who is ready for new opportunities, who is ready to get far in life, and who knows the true values of being a faithful Catholic Christian.

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This is what it meant to me to attend St. Pius X School. I have attended this school for nine years, or in other words, since Kindergarten. I have learned so much here. I would like to thank my parents for sending me to this school. If I hadn't attended here, I could have never gotten a better education anywhere else. I would also like to thank all my teachers I have had in the past.

I would especially like to recognize Mrs. Russell, because she's prepared me the most for high school. She has taught me how to write better; she has taught me how to write better; she has taught me how to act better, and she has showed me everything that is expected for high school.

This school has made me set my own goals for later in life. This is a school that also tries to make each person the best person he/she can be I could not ask for any better teachers or school. Thank you all.

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I would like to say thank you to my mom for sending me to St. Pius X. Even though I didn't want to come, you made me, and I am glad. You have been through a lot with me through the years, but you made a good choice keeping me here. St. Pius X is an awesome school.

I would also like to thank the teachers here definitely Mrs. Montgomery and Mrs. Russell. Before I was in their class, I was really out of academic shape. I thought my grades were stupid and school was dumb. I really didn't care if I did well or not. They taught me that I have to do my best to make it through life. I still fool around a lot, but I try harder than before.

Mrs. Hanson has also taught me a lot about life. The faculty and staff really mean it when they say they care about their students. That is why I encourage people to send their kids to this school.

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As we leave St. Pius X School and move on to high school, I would like to say what these 9 years have meant to me.

I remember the first day of Kindergarten here at St. Pius X. I was nervous and worried that I wouldn't make any friends. But as soon as I walked into the classroom, I felt as if I had known my classmates my whole life. St. Pius has shown me and taught me to be responsible and independent. To me it has been a great school experience.

I would like to thank my parents and family for sacrificing many things so that I could attend St. Pius. My parents have always supported me in all that I do and have done. They also have taught me so much. My parents are always there for me and I always go to them for advice. My parents have provided me with a great education. I am so blessed to have such a loving and caring family. God has granted me so much and I am so happy for that. My parents have sent me to a school where everything and everyone matters. My parents have always told me to never give up on my dreams.

St. Pius gave me strength and courage I needed to persevere and never give up on those dreams. God will always be in my path and guiding me in the right direction just as my parents have done for me.

I would also like to thank all of my former teachers for helping me and teaching me so much. The 3 people I would most like to thank here at St. Pius are my principal, Mrs. Hanson, my 8th grade teacher Mrs. Russell, and my 7th grade teacher Mrs. Montgomery. I would first of all like to thank Mrs. Hanson for being my principal. She always has a great way of solving problems and has so much respect for everyone. She not only works hard and keeps this school in tact, but she always has patience and understanding.

Also, I would like to thank Mrs. Russell. I would like to thank her for being so patient and for sharing all of her knowledge with our class. Mrs. Russell has taught me to never give up and give it 110 percent every time I do something.

I would also like to thank Mrs. Montgomery. I would like to thank her for teaching me so much. I appreciate all that she has done for me and taught me. I am very grateful to have teachers who wouldn't ever give up on any student, and a principal who is always there making sure everything is all right.

St. Pius has always been such a caring school and where I always feel welcomed. I know that with everything my parents, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Hanson, and all of my past teachers have taught me and shown to me that I am ready to start high school. I thank them for always being there and helping me when I needed it most. I appreciate all they have done for me and all that St. Pius has offered me. I will miss St. Pius and all my friends here. I hope that God will give us strength and the willingness we need to achieve all of our goals, hopes, and dreams. May God bless all of you, especially the Class of 2009.

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I have been attending St. Pius since kindergarten, and for the past 9 years of my life, St. Pius has been both a school and a second home to me. Over the years our class has gone through a lot; we've had our fair share of drama, learned together, played together, and most of all, matured together. But at St. Pius, this wasn't enough; we saw each other everyday, all day, and there was no getting out of learning to care for and to respect each other. And when I think about it, I wouldn't have had it any other way. I still can't believe it's been 9 years since we went to the strawberry fields and played in the sand box together. I still remember the day that we realized how much we'd been through together and how much we cared for each other.

It was at sixth grade camp. We were at a campfire and the counselor were talking to us about respect, love, and forgiving our enemies. That night was such an incredible experience for our class; almost everyone was crying and it was a mess of "I'm sorry's," hugs, and a lot of tears. That night really brought us together, and since then we've been really close. So thank you to my class for making these 9 crazy, hilarious, fun, and worthwhile experience.

Here at St. Pius there are a lot of amazing teachers, but there is one who really made an impact in my life. This incredible woman is my sixth grade teacher, Mrs. Vecchitto; well, she is much more than a teacher to me. Sixth grade was an extremely difficult year for me and I don't know how I would have survived without the help of my loved ones. At a time when my friends and family were letting me down, she was there to brighten my day and to give me faith and hope for the future.

I still remember a paper that gave our class. It was about attitude. It said that a situation is 10 percent of what happens and 90 percent of how you react to it. That paper changed my perspective on life. I always used to think that it was everyone else's fault. I used to ask myself, "How could this be happening to me? How dare they ruin my life my life?" But that paper gave me a whole new point of view and made me stronger. That paper still hangs on my refrigerator; it has meant that much to me. And even though it's been hard to talk about that bombshell year since then, I'd like to thank you Mrs. Vecchitto, because I that you didn't have to, but you cared for me, and for that I can never repay you.

I started here as a tiny little munchkin who didn't want my daddy to leave me with Mrs. Juerling, because I was scared and homesick. Let me just me just say, a lot has changed since then. St. Pius has taught me so much and helped to make me the young lady that I am today. I've learned the values and morals that will be the foundation for my life and future success.

In the same way that I've grown as a person, my faith and relationship with God have grown deeper and stronger.

For me, like many other kids who attend or have attended a Catholic school, faith was never an option. From the moment I learned to say "Papa Dios", it was a lifestyle, year in and year out, day after day of learning about God and my faith, and sometimes being tired of saying "Amen" a hundred times a day. I have now come to a point in my life where I have to make a decision. I stand here and am proud to say that I do choose Christ.

After all these years of saying "Amen", I can honestly say that I do believe and that is why choosing a Catholic high school was so important to my family and me. The high school I will be attending is Mater Dei Catholic High School.

I would also like to thank my family for always being there for me and for sending me to St. Pius. Mom, you are my rock; you always keep me on track. Without your love and support, I don't think I would be where I am today. Daddy, you amaze me everyday; I love you so much; your faith and strength are what inspire me to do my best. And to both of you, Mom and Dad, you have taught me how to love, how to voice my opinion, and how to be myself. My big sister you are my hero; I don't think I could have gone through what you have, and for that I deeply respect you. I love you all so much and thank you for everything.

St. Pius was a great learning experience for me and it is extremely hard to be leaving this wonderful school. I will take everything I have learned here into the next chapter of my life. And once again thank you for everything you have taught me. It has really meant a lot to me to have all of your love and support. I leave St. Pius with countless memories, great friendships, and good preparation for the future.