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Abstract

In lieu of an abstract, below is the essay's first paragraph.

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My mom raised me Catholic. I went to church every Sunday (or Saturday night). I was active in the church youth group. My mom in a way did push the religion on me, however, I feel my week is off if I do not go to church and receive Holy Communion. I do not like missing church and that is one of many things I am grateful that my mom pushed on me. Church is what helped my mom get through her rough time with my dad. It also helped me understand people and why they do what they do.

My mom has influenced me to continue to go to church because she has kept her faith. Even though she has not had an easy life, she continued to believe and have faith in God. Her faith got me to where I am today. I am living a wonderful life; it is not perfect at all, but I love it. I continue to go to church because I believe and have faith in God, but also because it is a reminder of where I came from. I came from a broken, not middle class family and I am doing well. I live life to the fullest and I am proud to call my mom, my mom.

I was taught that life is not perfect, but that you have to be grateful for what you do have. I am grateful every day that I am in college and have the loving family and wonderful friends. I think that as long as I have my faith, my family and friends I am set in life. I do not need a smart phone or fancy car. I grew up with just necessities and that is all I will ever need.



Heather and her mother