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Dear friend of STA,

I have been so blessed to be a part of the Saint Thomas Aquinas community. I could not begin to tell you of my many blessings here. However, I am going to share one particular instance with you. From the eyes of a scared little freshman, I remember the when I saw my first STA mass. I was having a pretty bad day, everything seemed to go wrong and I just wanted an out. So I was glad to be going to mass but, like the attitude of most of my peer I thought church was cool mostly because you got out of class. When I was packed into the gym with the whole student and staff body of Aquinas, I was awestricken by the peaceful unity created. The way that every single person comes together to celebrate what we believe as a community creates a feeling in me that I know I am blessed to be able to participate in. The student body has so much power with their songs. They really care about what they are singing. It has so much raw emotion. Mass created a feeling within me that I will never forget. I really could feel God's presence. Now, every time we have mass it sends chills up and down my spine, when the choir sings because the singing is the most wonderful sound, and it puts my mind at ease, even when I am not in a good mood or having a good day. The mutual reverence makes mass so valuable and meaningful. For me, being able to celebrate mass whenever we want and with complete respect is what makes STA so wonderful, everyone brings together their talents to celebrate.

Sincerely,

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