

Ryan Vermillion

St. Mark Catholic School – Grade 6

Honorable Mention

BEING THE HEART AND HANDS OF JESUS CHRIST

Being a twelve year old boy in a Catholic school there are many opportunities for me to be the hands and heart of Jesus. I can do this through the sports I participate in and in my school and church communities.

As I participate in sporting activities, I can show the hands and heart of Jesus by leading my team in prayer for our opponents, ourselves, and coaches. I can show good sportsmanship by my positive attitude on and off the field. Another way I may show the works of Christ during sports is by encouraging all of my teammates and not tearing them down. Persevering in all activities shows God and others that I will never give up as well as congratulating and not taunting the others on the opposing team. It is important to not let the outcome of the game reveal my character.

Another time I can portray the hands and heart of Jesus through my daily school and church activities. One way I may do this is by giving a classmate lunch if they have forgotten their lunch. I can help the person or people that are getting bullied on the playground by standing up for them. I can also assist my classmates when he or she is injured by carrying their books or backpack. These characteristics can also be carried over to the church community. I can assist the priest by being an alter server or by holding the door open for the elderly. I can also help the ushers by collecting the missals after Mass.

Being the hands and heart for Jesus can be seen mostly in the little things I do on a daily basis in sports, at home, and in church. With the help of the Holy Spirit, I can do the ordinary extraordinarily well.