

SOPHIE MEINHARDT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

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What I plan to leave to the next generation is a legacy of service. One example of my service to others is by working at the library weekly. There I help out however I can. I also volunteer at the Gospel City Mission monthly. I serve food to the people there and help them get their lives back on track. Another place I offer service is by helping at the Christmas Carnival and by stuffing bags for Sophie's Angel Run. I have been doing both for two years and at both events a lot of my friends volunteer too so it makes the work fun. Lastly I give service to others through my Boy Scout troop. Through scouts I participate in a number of activities that serve many communities and many people, more than I can name.

I want to leave a legacy of service to others because it will inspire other kids to serve more and their life will be on firm foundations. Others see you as a very giving person and help you if something bad happens to you in life. It is not that hard and is really fun if you do it with some friends. Most people, including me, get caught up in worldly desires. It seems to especially be the case with teenagers. If you serve others, you will have a good time and find true happiness in the Kingdom of God. Small acts of service, even a smile or a wave, can mean the world to some people and brighten your day too.

Also, like Sophie, I plan to leave a legacy of faith. You will see me at church at least once a week. It won't necessarily be St. Jude, but I'll be at Mass. I hope to find God's plan for me. I think it has something to do with service because I enjoy it so much. If it is something else then I am totally unaware of what it is. I feel like I am doing Jesus' work when I serve. I just feel good all over, like I belong doing service for the rest of my life.

Jesus' life was based on three main things, service to others, faith in God, and sacrifice. I want to be as close to Jesus as I can, but I don't think I want to sacrifice my life. I mean I could sacrifice a lot, but I'm not sure about my life. Although if it is God's will, then so be it.