



Katerina Mihailides

Grade 12

Bio

Hi, my name is Katerina Mihailides, and I just graduated from Seekonk High School. I have always had a passion for caring and assisting to others in need. I have decided to become a Nurse and will further my studies at Endicott College in Beverly, MA. I was Baptized and have spent my life in The Annunciation Church in Cranston RI. I have been in the choir for years, GOYA, weekly Sunday school, Metropolis Camps and competed in Oratorical Festivals.

Scholarship Essay

The Covid-19 Pandemic has impacted all of our lives in so many ways. Unfortunately, since we were not allowed to gather in large groups, we were unable to worship in our church. We have been having our church online, which has felt very different. I have been watching the church services in my living room with my family. My dad puts most of the icons in the living room and also lights incense so that our living room can resemble a church more. We pray together as a family, but I really miss receiving the body and blood of Christ, smelling the incense but still feel the Holy Spirit.

The church has done a great job adapting to this pandemic, since they immediately started live-streaming the services as soon as the pandemic affected us. Then, after the service, my family all breaks out into different rooms and attend our virtual Sunday School on our laptops.

Thankfully, with the help of the Zoom app, we are still able to continue our Sunday School classes so that we can strengthen our faith and also check in with each other during this time. During this pandemic, I have tried spending my time wisely by praying more often, reading spiritual texts and growing in faith. Although, due to Covid-19, we are unable to physically see and come into contact with our fellow church members, the clergy, Sunday school teachers and GOYA has done a great job trying to keep everyone active in the church, and continue their worship. Just recently, the church has opened its doors for a small crowd at a time to attend services in the hall. I am looking forward to attending the services in the near future! None of us are quite sure how much longer this will go on for, but we should all try to think positively and

continue practicing our faith, and praying to God. Christ in in our midst. God bless everyone,
stay safe!