

Student Spotlight

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How does your current experience at MTSM prepare you to incorporate living your Catholic faith in your everyday life? My experience at MTSM is helping me develop a deeper relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. It's doing this through education in the Faith, but just as importantly, through the relationships that are being built with the faculty, staff and fellow students in relation to our Faith. The life applications of what I'm learning are equipping me to be a more loving, faithful and effective contributor to my family, parish and community.

What advice would you give to someone who is considering taking classes from MTSM? Start with a single class if you are concerned about the workload. The knowledge gained, the relationships built, and the deepening of your relationship with Jesus will be worth it.

Do you have a favorite class, professor or mentor? This is a tough question because the classes I have taken, and the professors I have had to date, have all impacted me positively in so many different ways. However, I'd have to say Matt Hess's class on Basic Doctrine really impacted me in a very personal way. His assignment on "Marialis Cultus," completely changed my attitude towards our Blessed Mother and her impact and role in the Church, and it revolutionized my prayer life, especially how my wife and I pray together. That said, all of the classes have helped me grow closer to our Lord.

If you had to describe MTSM in three words, what would they be? Life changing experience!

"It may be a difficult commute depending on where one lives; however, don't let that be a deterring factor in a decision to take a class. I've found the commute to be a great time for personal prayer and worship. The classes don't last forever. Also, don't let finances stand in the way. If God is calling you into a program, have faith. He will provide."

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