

My Wonderous Faith Journey

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Me at six months old with my grandma



Me picking up my puppy May 2020



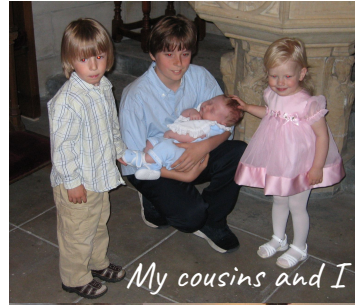
^^^Me (left) and my friend (right)
^^^MTBiking at Red Head Trail System
^^^in Ely Summer 2020

This document describes, in detail, my past, present, and future plans for connecting with God throughout my journey.

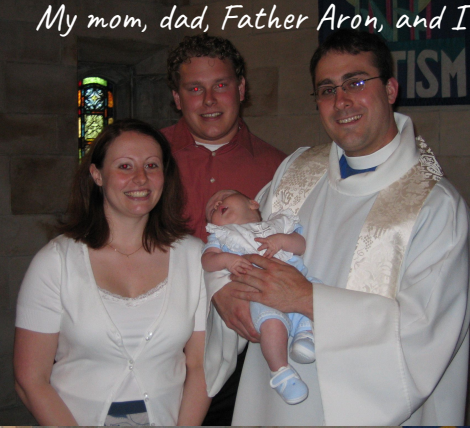
My Baptism memories

I was baptized at St. Pauls church by Father Aron Kramer on June 5th, 2005. There were a lot of people at my baptism. There was my three Godparents Becca, Dacia, and Ryan. I also had lots of family. From left to right in the picture below and to the right I have, my Uncle Chad, my Cousin Tristan, my Uncle Sean, my Cousin Nico, my Aunt Kiki, my Cousin Emma, my Grandpa Dan, my Grandma Linda, my Dad Ryan, my Mom Joanne, Me, my Nona Ilaria, my Papa Larry, my Great Granny, and my Uncle Vince.

My mom, dad, Father Aron, and I



My cousins and I



My Godmother Becca



Attending family and I at my baptism



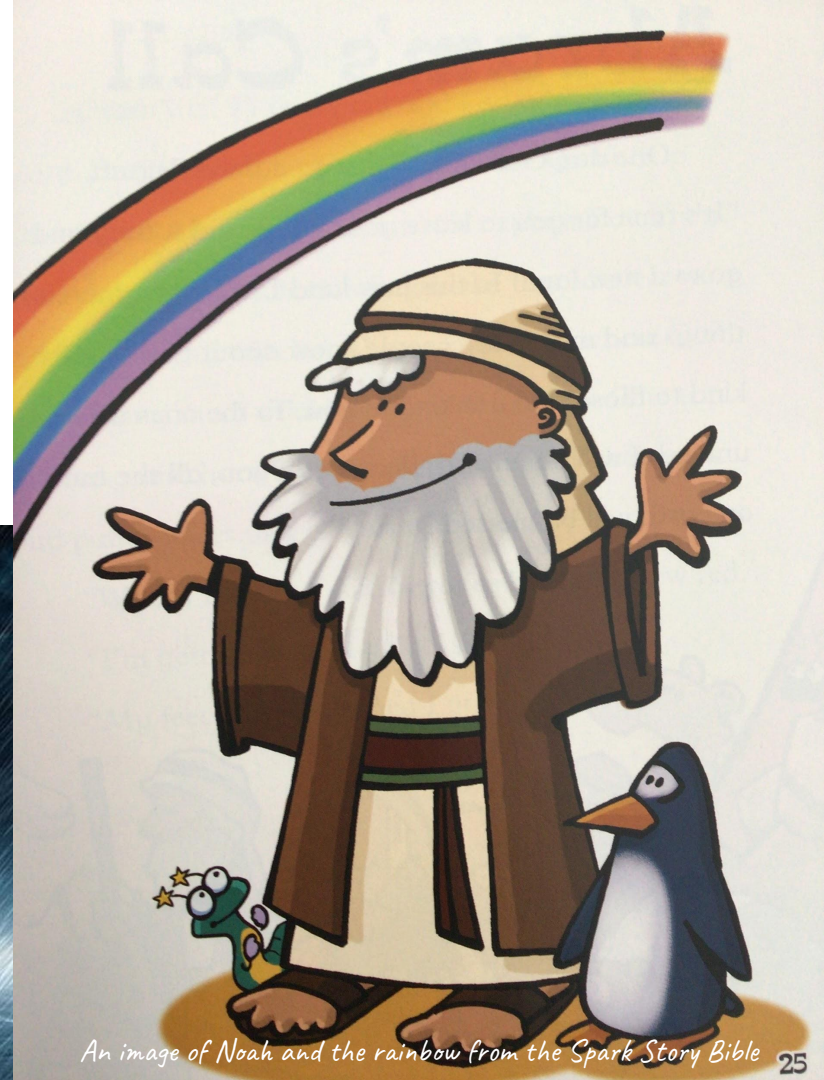
*My other Godparents
Dacia and Ryan*

My Favorite Bible Story

My favorite bible story is Noah's Ark. This is a well known story about how God washed all of the sinning humans away with a great big flood after having Noah and his family build an ark big enough to house him and all two of every type of animal. At the end of the flood, God put a beautiful rainbow in the sky, as an apology and a promise that he would never do it again. I am reminded of this promise every time it rains and a rainbow comes out and shows us the love and sorrow he feels for what he did so long ago.



One person's representation of Noah's ark from crossroadsinitiative.com



An image of Noah and the rainbow from the Spark Story Bible

Where I Connect With God

I feel the closest to god when I am outside. It doesn't matter whether I am mowing the lawn, sitting in a deer stand, or even just walking from my front door to the car.

I need god the most during times when I am super stressed, and when I am in any kind of pain, emotional, physical, or mental.

During these times of being outside, stressing, being in pain, or even worrying, are when I do most of my praying. These are also the times that I really connect with God.



Me and my sister in a leaf pile in 2014

My Favorite Service Project

My favorite service project I have ever done, was when I helped at the bike cave during Hands Across Duluth in 2019. While I was there I helped to sand and stain some cabinets. I also helped put together some shelving units to hold helmets inside of the bike cave.

I think that the biggest connection between service and faith is that, a part of faith is loving your neighbor as yourself. One way that can be done is by providing a service for someone in need, like when I helped at the bike cave.



An image of the outside of the bike cave from the Duluth News Tribune

My Future With God

I completely intend to continue following the baptismal covenant that I made with God.

This baptismal covenant to me means that I will continue to come to church, to pray to God, to share in communion, to help guide others towards a stronger connection with God, and most of all to love my neighbor as myself.

My faith in God will be a big help to me throughout my high school, college, and any careers beyond by providing me with calmness and strength in my times of greatest need.

Going forward one goal I have is to successfully make it through college. I will pray for God's help daily throughout this journey. I also plan to do all that I can to attend church every Sunday.



Me in fall of 2020