

Sister Thea Bowman – Student reflections – Class of 2021

Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School has helped me learn what it means to be a peacemaker. To be a peacemaker means to help others and be respectful to others with your actions and words. School has helped me grow in my faith and I thank Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School because they showed me what it means to be God's follower. I think throughout my life God has been telling me to be the best person I can be and to try my hardest to be positive. (AC)

Can you believe that my first pair of glasses was because of a small mistake I made in the third grade? I can remember the day as clear as glass. I was fooling around trying to do some trick with a pencil...I ended up accidentally poking myself in the eye. Well, from that moment on I never made that mistake again. I thank Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School for pushing me to do my best even if it means having to do the same math problem repeatedly until it is correct. This school taught me the qualities of a Peacemaker: being friendly, being agreeable, being cooperative, and being trusting, easy-going, and empathetic. (DH)

In my time at Sister Thea Bowman, I learned that "Peacemakers" isn't a word, it's an action. Going to Mass every Friday has helped me grow as a person and helped me know a lot more about God. I thank Sister Thea Bowman for helping me become a better person. I want to bring joy to as many people as possible. Throughout my time at Sister Thea Bowman it was a challenge. It was very different from public school and much harder. But I am glad that my teachers pushed me to be as smart as I am today. (AC)

I came to Sister Thea Bowman in Kindergarten. My first memory of being here is when my teacher shook my hand and smiled. She greeted me with kindness. She made me happy and for the rest of that school day, I was excited and positive. I want to thank Sister Thea Bowman for giving me the right path. As I get older, I know what I want to do in life, and they were the best example of role models. They have taught me great discipline and maturity. (DW)

So I came here in Kindergarten, and the very first memory I remember is I came into the classroom. I was crying on and on because my pants were absolutely prodigious (that means huge). I saw a little girl about the same age as me walk past. She was crying uncontrollably like me. So I went to the little girl and I said, "You're my friend now!" She looked oddly confused for a second then she became my best friend! I cannot thank this school enough for teaching me to have manners, respect one another, and love one another, and most importantly, to understand God. (KW)

This school is the place that has probably made me most passionate about the arts. They've taught me violin, liturgical dance, and choir. I participated in all of the above and gave it my all. A favorite memory would be when I won, not one, but two first place Ballroom Dance trophies, alongside my best friend, Olivia. I want to say thank you to all of the teachers that have taught me, to all the people in my life that have helped me along this journey, to my wonderful and loyal friends, and to God for blessing me with a wonderful education. (LP)

One of my favorite memories was when we took a field trip to Camp Ondessonk. This was my favorite memory because that was my first time going camping. That was also my first time spending a night somewhere with all of my classmates which was funny because Ms. King scared us and Tyanna talked in her sleep. Something else that I was also taught at Sister Thea to do was to try. When I first came to Sister Thea Bowman I didn't know anything about the violin, and so I hated violin class and didn't try at all. I had a D+ in violin. I asked Mr. Phil about it a week later, and he gave me my answer which was, "You didn't try." After that, I began to put forth my best effort in everything I did, and tried my best not to use "I can't" because I was also taught that Phillipian's 4:13 says "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength." (YM)

I have learned to be respectful, responsible, and a leader over the past few years which I believe made me more mature. I have learned to solve problems differently and to think about what I am going to say before saying something I might not agree with in the future. In Ms. Mary's class, I have learned to use my context clues to find answers to my new vocabulary words. In Ms. King's class, I have learned to try harder before giving up. In Mr. Grimmet's class, I have learned to go back and research what I'm looking for before answering any questions. In Sr. Sharon's class, I have learned to always be kind to a person even if I'm in a rough position with someone. (TA)

My favorite memory of my years at Sister Thea Bowman was when we had a girls' retreat with Reverend Tracy with sixth-eighth grade girls. My time here had been hard because things were very frustrating; I had a hard time focusing on work and getting things done. For half of eighth grade, we had to stay on Zoom. I told my mom that I wanted to come back to school so I could learn better. And I did! To make a difference in someone's life, you don't have to be BRILLIANT, RICH, BEAUTIFUL, or PERFECT you just have to CARE. :) (MM)

My favorite memory of being at this school was doing Advent Prayer Service because we got to dance in front of a crowd and all the songs the students danced to spoke to me in a special way. Sister Sharon taught me all religions are the same, just taught differently. I thank Sister Sharon for being there and keeping it real. I want to help people because I want to have empathy and show my passion for them. I also believe God is calling me to help families that are disabled to give their kids the attention they need. (NK)

I remember coming to school not knowing God at all and not living for God, but then slowly moving towards a better direction. One of my favorite memories here at STBCS that I'll never forget is the first night that Roseby Foss came. That was the night that I had worshiped like never before: I experienced the presence of God for the first time. Dance ministry taught me that there is a light inside me that shines through the darkness on the outside. I thank Sister Thea Bowman for making me feel that I not only have a family at home but one at school as well, turning my life in the direction of light, slowly bringing me out of the darkness and closer to God. (TC)

I'm pretty sure my favorite memory was when I used to go outside, run in the wind and scream! There are a lot of goals I will love to complete. My number one goal is to make my city and the children that are living in it feel safe. I want to show kids that life is not as easy as it seems, but you can accomplish anything. This school taught me never to give up and to continue and try to make a legacy. Another thing Sister Thea taught me was that every battle is not meant to be fought, but that battles can always teach a great lesson. (SR)

My favorite memory is either winning first place in both of our class's dances for Ballroom Dance or when we went to Camp Ondessonk and saw the stars at night without any light pollution. It was truly beautiful. I will probably never forget that moment. I believe that God is calling me to work as a Registered Nurse in a hospital. Spending a lot of time in the hospital made me realize how much of an interest in nursing I have. I do not like seeing people sad or not feeling well, and I want them to feel better. I think my calm and funny personality would be great for this job. (OJ).