A Leap for Faith

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The educational environment that we choose for our children is one of the most important decisions we can make as parents. After all, our children spend more waking hours with their teachers and student peers than they do with their parents, which is a sobering thought. A school is a powerful partner, and when choosing the environment I wanted for my kids, I wanted my children to be rooted in faith.

While working in the admissions office I come across numerous parent and student stories regarding the benefits of a Lake Michigan Catholic (LMC) education, but I still can’t write about the LMC choice without it getting personal. I can talk about the many assets of LMC including the strong academics, high test scores, great teachers from preschool through high school, all surrounded by a faith-filled environment — but that might be repetitive for some. For me, a public high school graduate from a larger metropolitan area, enrolling my children at LMC was not a leap of, but a leap for faith.

I wanted my children to be surrounded in a safe environment where they could share their prayers with their classmates and speak about God while experiencing their teachers praying with them. My intention was that my daughters would learn the foundations of their Faith, first and foremost. I was confident they would learn the basics of reading, writing, and arithmetic in the manner that Catholic schools teach. I believe that a Catholic education is a traditional and regimented approach that teaches the discipline needed for work ethic and good study habits. I expected this all in the presence of our faith, every day, and I have found this to be true. However, when I enrolled my first-born daughter in Kindergarten at LMC, I couldn’t have realized the community we were about to step into by attending our little gem in Southwest Michigan. I am thankful every day that we took a leap for faith!