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Dear Harvey Granatier and the SK Knights of Columbus,

Thank you for your support in providing me the opportunity to attend the 9 month Faith Formation Course at St. Thérèse. My name is Moo Klee Lar April and I am from Regina, SK. I was born in a Thailand refugee camp my family moved to Canada in 2006 with my three cousins also my aunty and uncle. My faith was a part of the culture I was born into and encountering Jesus was a part of my family growing up. I also had the opportunity to attend Catholic schools in elementary and high school as well as Mother Teresa Middle School for Grades 6 to 9. Coming to St. Thérèse has strengthened my faith with Jesus. One of the important parts of the Faith Formation study at St. Thérèse is to heal from what we have been through in the past.

Living in community has really helped me embrace people who are different from me. It has also helped me to work with people who I thought I couldn't get along with. Living together for the last three months has been fruitful because there are people here to help me become my best self and each of them want the best for me. Over the last three months, I could see that God has healed me in a lot of ways that I did not expect. The importance of healing is to remove the roadblocks that are stopping me from moving forward in my life. My past does not define the person I will be in the future.

My family for the last seven or eight years has had financial challenges. Finances have always been a struggle in my family and there have been times when we had to rely on the Food Bank and support from other community members. I have had to miss out on extra-curricular activities in the past because my parents did not have the money to pay the fees. My parents have worked hard to get to where we are at now. Even with the financial struggles in my family, my parents were able to still save some money for me to go to school. Without my parent's savings, the kindness of our community and church members and the generosity of everyone at SK Knights of Columbus I would not have been able to attend St. Thérèse.

For next year, I am not sure what I will be doing yet. I am right now in the process of discerning what God would like me to do next. One of my options is to complete the second year

of study at St. Thérèse, but I would also like to travel and do missionary work. Another option is for me to work and save money for post-secondary so I can get a degree in sport psychology.

My experiences at St. Thérèse have definitely helped me grow as a person and in my faith. My growth and learning will benefit the community I serve and the organizations who I will be working for one day. Thank you again Harvey and to all of the SK Knights of Columbus members. You are leaders in our community and your generosity is greatly appreciated. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Season!

Kind regards,  
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