

My name is Janelle Stokotelny, I am a graduate of St. Mary's Academy. I would like to formally thank the Sisters of the Holy Names and the teachers of this institution for their profound influence on my life. In particular, Sister Susan and Sister Marilyn.

I wanted to take this opportunity to recognize the women who have educated and cared for me in this Catholic community. I attended St. Mary's Academy for 6 years and am now completing an Honours degree in Religion and Culture at the University of Winnipeg. The women of St. Mary's inspired me to pursue my dreams of education and helped me realize my courage to make my dreams a reality. I adore studying religion and I intend on becoming a teacher or professor in order to educate young people about the intricacies and pluralities of religious communities around the world. St. Mary's Academy introduced me to the unique world of religious study and provided me with the tools to develop my knowledge of international religious relations. I've studied in Canada, France, and Japan. These achievements began with the profound influence of St. Mary's Academy. I hope to one-day return to their doors as a teacher of religion. The women of St. Mary have inspired me and I aspire to become one of those women. It is insurmountably unique to be able to learn religious history and theology in a high school setting and I personally benefitted greatly from the opportunity to study at this institution. Thank you St. Mary's Academy and the Sisters of the Holy Names for inspiring me to be the brave, educated, and passionate through Catholic education.