

Reaction Paper #1

Today I am awake. The moment we take our first breath defines our awakening. We are alive and ready to start the journey of finding oneself. We are awake to all the possibilities and opportunities that God will set before us. To be awake is to live and to live exist within everyone. Currently there are about 6,776,234,700 awakened and living people in the world, and I am one out of the vast number. Father Rick Malloy's lecture sparked new thoughts in my head about my own future and path towards a career. My thoughts arrayed from nervousness to excitement to fear to eagerness. At the start of the lecture, Father Rick Malloy made me question my purpose of becoming a nurse. However, I gained the answer to all of my questions of my vocation. I finally was able to piece together why I want to serve those who need help and live out my calling to be a nurse in the future.

Within a couple of minutes of the lecture, Father Rick Malloy opened up to all of us on his journey of discovering his true calling. After he had split his head open, he had recovered and decided to do service by working in a nursing home. This moment was when he had found true happiness. We find happiness when we are able to have that epitomizing moment where we discover what God has planned for our life. In my case, I believe that my calling is to become a nurse. Today, I am 18 years young and I am lucky enough to attend a college to pursue my dreams. However, this journey, like any young adult, has not always come easy. There have been many moments where I feared that I might be wrong about my dreams. Although these thoughts did cross my mind, many of the key points Father Rick Malloy mentioned in lecture helped me through this journey of realizing my vocation.

I was lucky enough to be raised under a very loving and supportive family. I do believe that I was molded by following such determined and caring role models, who are my sister, my mom and my grandma. From all three generations, I was taught the most important lesson in life is love. I have always carried that idea with me and along with loving comes caring for people. No matter the circumstances, whenever a person needs to be cared for I cannot help but to go out of my way to look after them. It's in my nature to be nurturing to others needs and this is one reason why I want to become a nurse. Father Rick Malloy mentioned in his lecture that with your

occupation you should bring lots of love and passion. I know that I am very passionate about being a nurse and specifically looking after new born babies in the NICU.

Another reason I want to be involved in this career is because it shows such great service towards other people. I am currently involved in the Cura Personalis program here at The University of Scranton and I am very happy with my decision. Like I had mention before, I always choose to love and care for other people. I believe this is one reason why I fulfill the idea of Cura Personalis which is working with each human being on a personal level. Father Rick Malloy mentioned in his lecture that service entails understanding the reality of people's experiences. Along with the hard work that is involved with being a neo-natal nurse, I do believe that it is important to be understanding with the job. Because I am considering working in the intensive care unit for newborns, I have to be not only nurturing by understanding towards the parents emotions and feelings. I know it will be a rough journey, but in the end I will gain so much by knowing that I have served people through understand and loving them.

I am very happy with my decision of enrolling to be a nursing major and choosing to be part of The Panuska College of Professional Studies. Father Rick Malloy's lecture helped me understand more of why I am so passionate to be a nurse. Even though the work is tough right now, and it will probably only get harder as I continue college, it will all make up for it in the end when I am waking up every morning. I will be motivated and excited to walk into the hospital knowing that I will be serving other people.