

Before I start, I thought I would like introduce myself. I'm Nicholas Wagg. I am 13 years old I and am in seventh grade at the Episcopal Academy. This year, with the rest of my family, I will be moving to Portland, Maine. I have been here for eight years. We found this church when I was in preschool here at age three. We decided to come after getting to know one family well and being introduced to the great community at PCCH.

During these years, I feel that I have been very active in Sunday school and Youth Group. I have been told all the important stories in the bible, and if I had stayed one more year, would have gone through confirmation and written a faith statement. Throughout my many years here I have been able to formulate an idea about god in a caring environment, at PCCH. Soon, however I will be going through a transformation just like Saul when he transformed his faith.

Like Saul, I am putting a blindfold on and walking into the unknown. Were both embarking on an adventure that is a huge difference from the life we are living in now. There will be many challenges in front of me. One of these challenges will be going to Belize for a week with the churches youth group. I will be eating food I have never eaten before, not able to speak the language. I will meet new people and sleep in an unknown bed. I am sure this work in Belize will be challenging, but gratifying in the end.

As big of a challenge as Belize is, the bigger challenge will be moving to Maine. I will be changing schools; thankfully I was accepted into the private school

my dad will be the headmaster of. I will be changing houses, changing friends, and I will be changing cities. When I move I won't even know where to get milk, or where the best diner is. It will be a long road to finding everything out and feeling comfortable in my new environment. Since I will be changing cities, I will also be joining a new church. I currently have the privilege to go to a faith-based school, but next year I won't. What if people won't like the fact that I care so much about faith. At this point I have not answers to these questions, but I have faith that God will help me through the journey, just like Saul had faith that God would help him in his transformation.

I know that most of you in those pews are older than me, and have been through many of life's transformations. I know that if God hadn't helped you through these transformations, you would not be sitting here today. You stay here because of your faith, just like I have done for so many years. I hope that my faith will continue to stay with me as it has stayed with you. I hope that I like Saul and you will continue to embrace my faith as I go through all of these challenges and transformations ahead.