



The Blase Family  
Joy, Laura and Jamie

**B**efore Joy turned two, I knew that I was going to send her to Saint Mary Magdalen. At that time we lived in Affton, and I was willing to relocate so we could be closer to Saint Mary Magdalen. I researched many, many Catholic Schools and Saint Mary Magdalen was the only school that encouraged and had the word "diversity" in their mission statement.

It was also my grandmother's church and the school my dad, aunts and uncles went to. We ended up moving closer to school the summer before Joy started Kindergarten. Within one month, I met another parent who was a foster parent and also adopted an African-American child. How incredible is that? I definitely made the right decision.

Color is not ever noticed by other kids!

– Laura Blase