

# Blue Mass essay

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The Blue Mass occurs every year to honor those, including first responders and other people, that actively serve our community in their everyday careers and lives. There are many people such as police officers, firefighters, paramedics, and other first responders who are honored at the Blue Mass. Today I will be talking about my mom who is an Emergency Medicine Doctor. My mom helps to take care of people when they have emergency medical problems. When they are having the worst day of their lives, my mom is there to help them.

My mom and the other doctors, nurses, and hospital workers in the Emergency Department live out the St. Gabriel Mission: Being Christ, Every Day, Everywhere through teaching, learning, leading, and serving through their service, life, and sacrifices in so many ways. They are always there, 24 hours a day ready to help others in their time of need. They do not turn anyone away no matter what their reason for coming to the ER. They see and help people from all different backgrounds, religions, and situations without question. Did you know that In the U.S.A there are an average of 138 million Emergency Department visits every year?

Today, at the Blue Mass, I would like to honor my mom and her co-workers for all they do for our community, our family members, loved-ones, and friends. They provide life-saving treatments to people in severe accidents, having heart attacks, strokes, and so many other severe illnesses. They also help homeless people find shelters and escape cold winter nights. They also help kids my age when they injure themselves or break a bone. They help families of those who are dying find peace and

comfort in their last moments together. They sometimes even have the opportunity to be part of the miracle of delivering a new baby into the world! My mom and her team work night shifts, weekends, and holidays when everyone else is home with their own families to take care of anyone and everyone who might need care.