

**Mother's Day Homily – May 9, 2010**

**Rachel McAuley**

**In my family, Disney Pixar movies are always an extremely popular selection on family movie nights. From Toy Story to Finding Nemo, it would be an understatement to say that my family doesn't watch each one about 50 times a year. One particular movie that resonates as a favorite in the McAuley family is The Incredibles: a seemingly normal family who are all secretly super heroes. The Incredible family consists of Mr. Incredible, the dad who has super strength, his son Dash has incredible speed, and his shy daughter has the power of invisibility, and not to forget baby Jack Jack. Coincidentally each of the Incredible's powers coincides with their personalities: hyperactive Dash always on the move, timid Violet always disappearing, and the head of the house Mr. Incredible, who naturally must be strong enough to support the weight of buildings and his family. One particularly special member of the incredible family is Mrs. Incredible, formerly known as Elastic girl.**

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**Mrs. Incredible is your not-so-average wife and mother. Not only does she ship her 3 children safely off to school and kiss Mr. Incredible goodbye as he leaves for work, but she manages to fight the perils of the city all while raising a family. Out of all her abilities the most amazing to me is her ability to stretch herself hundreds of feet. This super power amongst her many facets gives her the ability to multitask, as she expands herself over large areas. This is especially helpful for this super stay-at-home mom.**

**I feel it was no coincidence that the directors of the Pixar movie “The Incredibles” made Mrs. Incredible have this ability. Out of all the abilities the family possesses, why not give her the power of invisibility or speed? As the mother, she must be able to stretch herself out in order to complete all the tasks of raising a family, making this power practical and fitting.**

**To me there is a Mrs. Incredible in all moms. In the reading today, John describes himself being taken out of the**

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**darkness and shown a lighted city. The biggest most important job of Mrs. Incredible is to fight the dark side. This is the best thing about the Mrs. Incredibles in our lives. No matter what the circumstance or location, mothers are always there to bring us out of our darkest moments and show us the path of light. For me, these dark moments may be as miniscule as giving me that second opinion on a prom dress, or taking me on countless college visits. Regardless of how mother's help carry us out of our own personal dark moments in life it's impossible to not admit that mothers are secret superheros always coming to our rescue. Mothers come to our rescue so many times in fact, that I often consider them like undercover Mrs. Incredible, stretching themselves out to help countless people and perform various daily tasks all while fighting villains in their families lives.**

**I often find that teenagers my age are so fixated on the future that they forget to appreciate the people around them. In an**

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**effort to gain our independence from our parents I often hear other students my age complain about their mothers.**

**Thankfully for Violet, the eldest teenage Incredible, this view was changed once she discovered how incredible her mother really was as she fought off robots to protect her family. By the end of the movie Violet acknowledges her mother's abilities, and respects her a lot more. Violet, who used to push away her mother, realizes at the end of the film that she needs her more than she expected.**

**No matter how far I go in life, I will always need my mother, like Violet I may need her more than I realize. My mom may not be Elastic Girl, and have super strength or invisibility, but in my eyes she is a super hero and will always be there for me when I need her, no matter how far my adult life takes me. With adulthood knocking at the door I owe everything I am, and will become to my parents, and most importantly my mom.**

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**Like Violet, aren't we all a bit blind to how super our moms really are? I have so much on my plate for myself that I become negligent and self absorbed at times. This never seems to happen with my mom: she extends herself to everyone. This is truly a Mrs. Incredible quality. Not only is my mom a mother to my sisters and I, carting us to countless sports practices, making lunches doing laundry etc, she is much more than that. I meet people on the street that mention they have met my mother, and how charismatic and friendly she is. I feel this charisma is one of my mom's best qualities. It takes a lot to raise three girls reaching adolescence, but the fact that she also extends a limb to the community is incredible! I only aspire to have the power to extend myself and touch the lives of so many different people when I am her age.**

**During a retreat for a club I'm involved in called Peer Leaders, I was asked who I admire most in my life. Little does my mom know that I said her. It was easy to describe how much I admire her strength and courage, her charisma, her**

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**personality and how much I appreciate everything she does for me everyday. I can laugh with my mom, cry with my mom, yell at my mom, and sometimes both cry and yell at once, but in the end I always know she is there eager to lend me an ear and a hug regardless. My mom knows how to have fun, and how to be serious and this is a quality I love.**

**Mother's, in essence are the epitome of a Super Heroes.**

**If there's anything I'd like all the mothers to know on**

**Mother's Day its how much they are appreciated and needed in our lives and in times of darkness. To all the Mrs. Incredible out there, thank you for being so super and fighting off the evil villains in our lives! Happy Mother's Day!**