

Lent is a time of fasting and giving up for a greater good. However, many of the refugees that came to America had no choice; they were forced to give up everything they had, except for what could fit in two suitcases. Imagine with all of the technology and material things that take over our lives, trying to sort through what is important enough to take with us.

Often times, when we see someone who is of different racial background, we tend to be racist or judgmental. After reading the article *Through a Ballerina's Eyes* along with listening to the speaker that came in, I think it is correct to say on behalf of the senior class, most of our views and outlooks have changed. I was asked the question: who is my family? My answer to this is simple, people. As you've heard before when you attend church, it is directed toward us; brothers and sisters. This is because we are all family to each other. Just because we look different, or practice differently, does not mean that we aren't connected in this way.

If I were to be asked my views about refugees in this country, I would say something along the lines of being glad that they could get a second chance, and that I hope they find peace and happiness here. I could not even begin to imagine what it must've been like for some of these people having to leave their home with only minimal belongings and travel to an unknown country. These are the brave souls that will help lead our future here in America. So next time you are about to spit out a racial slur, think about it, and say a prayer for them instead.

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