

**St. Hubert Catholic High School for Girls**  
**Summer Reading Assignment**

**LEFT TO TELL, Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust; Immaculee Ilibagiza**

**Hay House; ISBN 978- 1 – 4019 – 0897 – 3**

Directions: After reading the entire book, respond to the following questions. Write at least **TWO** solid paragraphs for each question. You must incorporate at least one quote from the book for each response (cite chapter and page). Work should be typed, 12 point font, double spaced. This work will be handed in to your Theology teacher during the first week of school.

1. Before reading this book, how familiar were you with the 1984 genocide that occurred in Rwanda? How much did you know about Rwanda and this region of Africa? What did you know about the Hutus and the Tutsis? What have you learned?
2. Do you think what happened in Rwanda could happen in the United State? How do you feel about being a U. S. citizen after reading this book? Do you think the U.S. should have done more to help the citizens of Rwanda or do you think we did enough? Should the U.S. get involved when citizens of foreign countries are having their human rights violated? If so, how involved should we get?
3. On pg. 199 Immaculee says: *“We all shared in the misery that descended upon the village, but I knew that the people gathered around me had lost much more than I had. They’d lost their faith – and in doing so, they’d lost hope.”* Why do you suppose that some people can live through an ordeal like Immaculee did and not lose their faith, while others cannot? Do you think your faith could withstand the same kind of trials as Immaculee’s?
4. Immaculee visits the man who murdered her family, Feliein, in jail and forgives him on p. 201. The burgomaster, Seman, had a furious reaction and said: *What was that all about Immaculee? That was the man who murdered your family. I brought him to you to question...to spit on if you wanted to. But you forgave him! How could you do that? Why did you forgive him?* What is your response to Semana’s reaction?
5. What is the most important thing you have learned from reading this book?