What JFK Means to Me

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John Fitzgerald Kennedy was the 35th president of the U.S.A. When JFK was elected president in 1960, he became the first Catholic president. I think J.F.K was one of the most helpful presidents.

One thing JFK did that was helpful was at his inguaration ceremony he gave a very famous speech that inspired Americans and people all over the world to help their country. He said, "My fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country. My fellow citizens of the world: ask not what America will do for you, but what together we can do for the freedom of man." I think that helped Americans to think about

helping each other more.

Another helpful thing JFK did was he created the Peace Corps. The Peace Corps is an organization that helps people around the world that don't have good hospitals, schools, and farms where they live. The Peace Corps sends young people to less fourtunate countries. I think it was a good idea because more people will be educated about farming and other things and more people will have more access to hospitals because of the Peace Corps.

JFK also helped Martin Luther King Jr. stop segregation. JFK even sent the National Guard and federal marshalls to the University of Mississippi when the governor of Mississippi wouldn't let James Meredith (a black man) enroll at school! He also sent a lot of troops to protect protesters in Alabama! I could tell he <u>really</u> wanted to stop segregation.

I chose to write about this part of JFK's life because in this part of his life JFK started groups that helped people like the Peace Corps. He also worked to stop segregation. The whole time JFK was in politics he worked to help make people's lives better. I want to be like JFK and help a lot of people.