



## Remembering & Honoring Sister Barbara Elliott

As you are likely aware, we lost our dear friend Sister Barbara Elliott over the summer. She played a big role at St. Philip the Apostle School over the years with her involvement in the Learning Center, CATHOLIC Group, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher's Assistant, and overall supporter of Catholic Education. We miss her presence every day and have decided to initiate a special project in her memory.

From today through Catholic Schools Week, we will set up two collection jars in each classroom. In the first we will **collect good deeds** and in the second we will **collect pennies**.

**Good Deed Collection** – The theme for Catholic Schools Week this year is “**Catholic Schools – Faith. Academics. Service.**” We reinforce faith and academics every day in our classes. We would like to focus this project on **SERVICE**. The students will be challenged to perform good deeds every day. They can be small acts (opening a door for someone), bigger acts (shoveling snow for an elderly neighbor) or anything in between. The students will be asked to document their good deeds and add them to the jar every day. Teachers will pull some of the submissions to discuss with the class on a periodic basis. Please encourage your child to do at least one good deed per day. Hopefully the efforts will become habit and continue far beyond this project. Sister Barbara promoted helping others through the many service projects she coordinated through the CATHOLIC Group. As our guardian angel, she will be smiling with every good deed performed.

**Penny Collection** – Students can bring in pennies (other denominations are acceptable, too!) Money collected will be donated to the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur in memory of Sister Barbara. It will be applied to the “Million Tree Project,” which aims to protect the rainforests in Brazil and support environmental efforts throughout the world. Sister Dorothy Stang was executed in Brazil for her efforts to protect the rainforests in 2005, a story Sister Barbara shared with St. Philip students every year. Both would be honored to know our students and school families are supporting this important project.

Sister Barbara will be honored at the Catholic Schools Week Prayer Service on Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>.

