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## The Katharine Award



The Katharine Award honours an individual, group or school whose charitable efforts honour the spirit of giving of the late Katharine Splinter and are consistent with the character of the system as expressed in its mission statement.

This year the award honours **Barb Douglas-Barker**, an educational assistant at Holy Name Catholic School.

Over many years of service in Catholic Education, Barb has taken a special interest in helping to organize campaigns to support a wide variety of charitable organizations, including Martha's Table, St. Vincent de Paul, SPCA, Hotel Dieu Hospital, and Partners in Mission Food Bank.

Barb also runs a knitting club for students. Under her guidance, students not only acquired a new skill but also learned about giving by donating a blanket they made to a local shelter for women. Barb is instrumental to the success of hat and mitten drives, and has organized many charitable campaigns during Advent and Lenten seasons. She exemplifies Catholic virtues and Gospel values, and promotes the demonstration of Faith in Action in students and colleagues alike.