# North American Catholic Educational Programming Foundation Inc. ~A Lay Catholic Entity~

## Tribute to Barbara V. Primeau V.Pres. & Director of NACEPF ~1946 to 2021~

HOLY FAMILY HOME In life there are very few that leave a lasting impression. Barbara is one of those special people that I believe were sent on a mission to bring us to an encounter with the divine.



Over the years I have known her, I considered myself to be blessed. She has had a profound effect on my priesthood by her steadfast faith, deep love for others, especially the poor, and the capacity to help all who met her to become more spiritually aware of God's divine presence.



Fr. Ed Cardente

For me Barbara has inspired me in my service to the poor and homeless by her unconditional support, especially when we opened Holy Family Home for homeless mothers with children in 2015. She embodied the principle of hope as she never stopped enouraging me to continue to minister to Christ despite the inevitable obstacles in doing so.

~Fr. Edward Cardente~

RHODE ISLAND RIGHT TO LIFE The Ancora Women's Mobile Care Center would not have been possible without Barbara.



Her support, her encouragement, her prayers, and her believing in Ancora, even amidst my own doubts, has put Ancora on the road and kept it there. I am convinced that Barbara's support and intercession for Ancora, and especially the women it serves, will be even more powerful now.

~Barth Bracy, RIRTL

Dominican Missionary Work in Malawi -- School Libary



Heaven has received in Barbara another human person with angelic traits of making a difference in other people's lives who lived miles away from her.

Rev. Fr. Dr. Lewis Tsuro OP

#### PORT AU PRINCE, HAITI

My friendship with Barbara began in 1983. Fr. Frappier chose Barbara to be the Social Worker to assist the women to find alternative housing since St. Margaret's was closing in 18 months.

In the mid 90's I went to Haiti to begin a Nutrition Center in the parish of St. Louis Marie de Montfort, Barbara would listen to



Sr. Eileen with Barbara viewing Earthquake damage

me tell stories of my experiences & provide me assistance from NACEPF as she was V.Pres. This provided funding for many years to serve 3 to 6 year olds. In the 2010 earthquake Barbara assisted us as we continued to receive help. Barbara was a good and lasting friend. My friend is now in the fullness of ETERNAL life. Sr. Eileen Davey susc

Sisters with their flock living in a tent

### DESSALINE, HAITI Missionary of La Salette

I was the pastor of Our Lady of the Cape Parish on Cape Cod for 17 yRS. The parish was twinned with StClaire Parish in Dessaline, Haiti. I came in contact with NACEPF and received several grants from this charitable organization for the work in Haiti.



Three schools were constructed including a high school, an infirmary and dispensary was enlarged, and a school lunch program was financed providing a daily hot meal to over 2,000 students. For many of these children, it was the only meal of the day.



Barbara always weighed the merits of the proposal with the Heart of a Mother. She would look at the photos I presented. She would always reply: "We need to do something for these children." The matter was decided. The grant was allocated.



When seeing things, as Barbara saw them with love, issues become simple. Generosity becomes a mandate. Barbara, may you rest in the embrace of the Father's love.

Rev. Bernard Baris, M.S.

### Barbara V. Primeau 1946-2021

"IN ALL THESE THINGS WE ARE TRIUMPHANTLY VICTORIOUS DUE TO THE ONE WHO LOVED US"



"Platinum Resistant" Surviving a "trial" experiment canceled due to its death rate.



Barbara 1997 Vice President Director of N.A.C.E.P.F



6th day of 28 days in the valley of death that is hospice's slow death by dehydration

"Children cannot learn on an empty stomach" ~Barbara Primeau

#### MARY'S MEALS INTERNATIONAL

In 2020 NACEPF's \$1Mil funding enabled feeding 32,997 children in Zambia, Madagascar, Haiti, S.Sudan & Ethiopia. There in 2021 \$1mil will enable an increase of another 37,483 children to be served a daily school meal. MARY'S MEALS REACH 2,000,000 CHILDREN FEED IN 2021



"Despite only meeting Barbara once I feel like I knew her well. I had already known of her deep love for the poorest little ones in this world through the incredible support NACEPF has been providing Mary's Meals, enabling tens of thousands of the world's poorest children to eat a daily meal in their place of education.

When I spent a few hours with Barbara I realised just how extraordinary her love was. She wanted to know everything about those children and how we could best help them. But what struck me most about Barbara was her peace -and her profound faith in Jesus, and her love of His Blessed Mother.

Because Barbara loved so much she wasn't just interested in the lives of those children, she was interested in my life too - wanting to know all about my family. Barbara prayed with me fervently with John, inviting the Holy Spirit in to our lives and our work. I won't ever forget it. I know now that when I see Barbara again it will be somewhere even better! Meanwhile I know that she will be an even greater supporter of the work of Mary's Meals in heaven than she was on earth.

Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow ~Founder, CEO of Mary's Meals International