

## **Cecilia Horn - St. Catharine of Siena - Mother of Mercy High School**

I try to help out as much as I can in this world. I enjoy going to visit my grandmother at her assisted living community. I play bingo, have dinner, and walk in the courtyard with her and the other residents. I believe every time I visit her, I make her day a little better.

I also enjoy helping out in our community by doing little things like visiting the Ronald McDonald House. It makes me happy when I get to make dinner for all the sick children and their families. I love seeing them smile. Matthew 25 Ministries is another place I go to help people who are less fortunate than I. Last time I went there, my friends and I folded clothes and filled large tubs of soap to send to families in Africa. It made me feel happy knowing that I was making someone's life better while doing something that I love.

Between all of this, I still make time to help my family especially my aunt who has diabetes. Her ailment has had huge impact on her whole body, especially her foot. She has been placed in a boot several times and I enjoy helping her. I know she is very grateful to have me around because she can't do everything as smoothly as she could without a boot.

One of my favorite things to do is to write letters to our veterans, armed forces, and local heroes. Even though I can't personally tell them how thankful I am for their service, I hope the card puts a smile on their faces.

I dedicate a lot of my time to my church. I've been serving since I was in the 5th grade and am always willing to lend a helping hand when needed. I also became a lector at the beginning of this year and I plan to continue after I graduate.

I believe that a smile can make every person's day better. Or a friendly 'hello' or 'have a great day'. This is why I try to be nice to everyone, because my mother always says, "Ask yourself how you would feel in the other person's shoes".

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