

## **“The Power of the Penny, The Power of God”**

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Have you ever walked by a penny without paying attention to it? Have you ever wondered about the Power of a Penny?

The penny may be small, brown unlike any other coin and have the least value but it can be very powerful if put to good use. We have all heard the sayings, “ A penny saved is a penny earned” and “Make every penny count”. When you see a penny, pick it up and appreciate its incredible worth. Elaine Redmond, in her book, “The Power of the Penny” states that the penny teaches us that no matter how big the world around us or how small we might feel; each of us can make a difference every day.

At Yellowknife Catholic Schools one of our goals is to involve our students in social justice issues both at the community level and internationally. As part of Catholic Education Sunday we have decided to partner with our parish and show support for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. For this reason at every mass, throughout the month of November, and at the school level we will be collecting pennies for St. Vincent de Paul. We are hoping to teach our students that the value of a penny is important and can make a difference.

At the same time we are teaching our students how we can make a difference when we come together to serve in God’s name. God is powerful, but he is even more powerful when we serve him through our actions and our words.

No matter who you are, you can inspire others with love through your participation. We choose our attitudes and our actions, so let’s all practice living on the side of kindness. In the words of Elaine Redmond, “Do, see, act and be, using kindness and honesty with yourself and those around you.”

Let’s show our youth the Power of the Penny and the Power of God.

Thank You and God Bless!