

Bless the Work That We Do - by Barbara Mahler

With praise and thanks to God  
For meaningful work  
In 2016 Barbara began  
To computerize the library was her plan.  
A couple of thousand hardcovers – maybe more  
Enter, categorize and create reports – a daunting task for sure.

Oh my gosh what will I do?  
But a chore this is not – God always provides  
And along came Milada – a team now abides.

The Fiction Category became number one.  
Kudos accrued when this one was done  
More than 500 records proclaimed.

Milada had some downtime, but rally she did  
Thus Spirituality and Prayer was recorded.  
Put labels on the outside – a non-sticking point - except to the floor!

Decidedly shelf space is in short supply - no duplicates allowed here.  
With Lives of the Saints and bio's - both Religious and Historical  
We sorted and arranged each shelf in pursuit  
Our goal: "Encourage readership," we said.

When on a Tuesday in March the wind and snow wreaked havoc  
We stayed safe and warm classifying CDs and books instead.  
In order to accommodate each record in proper categorization  
And leave space for additions  
We moved shelves...then even moved them again.  
And laughed at ourselves while revising our miscalculations!

But becoming friends – the most enjoyable of all.  
Lead us Lord, guide us we pray  
Enable us to see You in our sisters and brothers each day.  
And most of all please bless the work that we do.