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University of Saint Mary Freshmen Head
"Into the Streets" for Community Service Project
8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 19, 2008

(Leavenworth, Kan.)— New freshmen at the University of Saint Mary will pour into the streets of Leavenworth and Lansing from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 19, to kick off their college experiences with community service.

"The sixth annual 'Into the Streets' project teaches our students the importance of helping our fellow human beings," said University President Sister Diane Steele. "Our new students arrive on campus on Saturday. By Tuesday, they are serving others in our community."

Groups from the 112 USM freshmen, led by USM faculty and staff, will work at Anthony Elementary School, USM's Ancilla Center for Children, Catholic Community Services, Court Appointed Special Advocates, David Brewer Elementary School, Leavenworth Assistance Center, SCL's Ross Hall, Saint John Hospital, VA Hospital and Women's Community Y in Leavenworth.

USM students have many opportunities to continue their commitment to service throughout their time at Saint Mary through alternative break service trips to places like Guatemala, Appalachia, Kentucky, New Orleans, and Denver. Students also take part in service-learning projects during the school year in the local community.

The USM Campus Ministry Office and the Service-Learning Center are coordinating the sixth annual "Into the Streets" service project. Call Sister Sharon Smith at (913) 758-6146 or visit www.stmary.edu to learn more about service-learning at the University of Saint Mary.

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