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University of Saint Mary Welcomes Largest Freshman Class Since 1999—115 students

Another 79 Upperclassmen transfer from other schools

(Leavenworth, Kan.)— The University of Saint Mary is welcoming its largest freshman class since 1999. On the official starting day of classes, August 21, 2008, USM has 115 freshmen and another 79 upperclassmen who transferred from other schools.

Most freshmen arrived on campus August 16 for five days of orientation. On Tuesday, August 19, all 115 freshmen poured into the streets of Leavenworth to kick off their college experiences with community service.

“The sixth annual ‘Into the Streets’ project taught our students the importance of helping our fellow human beings,” said University President Sister Diane Steele.

Groups from the 115 USM freshmen, led by USM faculty and staff, will worked 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.

“The timing of the service was perfect,” said Kelly Meyer of CASA. “We needed somebody to help paint our office expansion and the students helped us save us more than a days worth of work.”

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.

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