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## University of Saint Mary Works to Help SWIPE Out Hunger with October Food Packaging Event

*1-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, USM's McGilley Field House*

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—The University of Saint Mary next month will participate in SWIPE—a statewide food packaging event sponsored by Kansas-based Numana to combat hunger. USM's SWIPE activity is set for 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, in McGilley Field House, where dozens of volunteers will work to package 20,000 meals for shipment to hungry families in Haiti.

SWIPE is timed to coincide with United Nations World Food Day on Oct. 16. Statewide, 16 colleges, universities, and junior colleges are taking part in the event.

At USM, volunteers from the Saint Mary student body and the larger Leavenworth-area community will act as an assembly line, packaging rice, beans, and other foodstuffs into parcels that can sustain a family of six for up to three days.

The meal packages will then be picked up by Numana for eventual shipment to Haiti.

“I can't think of an event that better fits the USM mission of bettering our global society than the SWIPE event,” said Dr. Lisa Beckenbaugh, dean of students at Saint Mary. “At USM we stress the importance of service, both locally and globally, and community. By participating in a program like this, our students learn about being true citizens of the world.”

USM will also be holding a canned food drive in tandem with the SWIPE event to benefit local anti-hunger efforts. The canned food drive will begin Oct. 10 and donations will be accepted through the SWIPE event.

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*The University of Saint Mary is a Catholic co-educational applied liberal arts university founded and sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth. The University of Saint Mary is located at 4100 South 4th Street, Leavenworth, Kan., with additional locations in Overland Park and Kansas City, Kan. Visit [www.stmary.edu](http://www.stmary.edu) for more information.*

*Numana, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) public charity formed in August 2008 as an international hunger relief organization. Numana offers a new way to help save the starving. By providing a hands on, actionable solution to hunger, Numana has enabled over 120,000 people to make a difference for the malnourished. Numana facilitates food packaging events, where hundreds of volunteers serve together in two to four hour shifts in an assembly line fashion packaging simple, nutritious meals.*