

MEDIA ALERT

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STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN 'FOOD FAST' TO PROMOTE POVERTY AWARENESS

*Santa Catalina School and First Presbyterian Church of Monterey
Sacrifice to Bring Positive Change to the World*

MONTEREY, Calif. – February 29, 2008 – Students from **Santa Catalina School** and **First Presbyterian Church of Monterey** will join together to raise money to help end world hunger by fasting, and creating awareness by building shelters out of cardboard and braving the cold on the streets and helping to prepare a meal for the homeless at Dorothy's Kitchen in Salinas.

Who: **Santa Catalina School and First Presbyterian Church of Monterey**

What: In the past ten years Santa Catalina's Food Fast program has raised more than \$55,000 to help end world hunger. Tonight students from Santa Catalina School and First Presbyterian Church of Monterey will join together again in an ecumenical effort to address the intolerable reality of world hunger by fasting for 24-30 hours to raise money for both World Vision and Catholic Relief Services. During the fast, students participate in activities that focus on cultural awareness and mindfulness of foods needs and waste, including experiencing what it is like to sleep on the streets and preparing a meal for the homeless at Dorothy's Kitchen in Salinas.

When: **Friday, February 29, 2008** (*First Presbyterian Church*)
Saturday, March 1, 2008 (*Dorothy's Place*)

Where:	First Presbyterian Church	Dorothy's Place
	501 El Dorado Street	30 Soledad Street
	Monterey, CA 93940	Salinas, CA 93901

Event Details: Students will be building their cardboard shelters from 9:15 – 9:45PM tonight at the First Presbyterian Church and will be working at Dorothy's Kitchen tomorrow, Saturday, March 1st between 10:00 am and 12:00 noon.

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Inquiries: To schedule a time to interview or film the students please call 831.236.3125. For more information on the Food Fast program, please call Debra Baker, Santa Catalina Religious Studies Department, 831.655.9364, or Adam Buzzard at First Presbyterian Church, Monterey, 831.373.3010.

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About Santa Catalina School

Santa Catalina School is dedicated to the education of young people between the ages of 4-18, giving careful consideration to the individual abilities and potential of each child. The school's mission is to balance intellectual growth with spiritual awareness, creativity with order, and individuality with compassion. Santa Catalina School is enriched by the diversity of socioeconomic, religious, geographic, and cultural backgrounds represented by students and faculty. The Upper School includes boarding students from 14 states and 9 countries. Local students come from not only the Central Coast, but also from cities as far away as Gilroy, King City, Santa Cruz, San Jose and Santa Clara. For more information visit www.santacatalina.org or call 831.655.9300.