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Saint Albert Students Take Bite Out of Hunger

The Campus Ministry program at Saint Albert Catholic Schools is sponsoring a canned food drive as part of the school's observance of the feast day of its patron saint, Albert the Great.

According to Brenda Moran, campus minister at Saint Albert, stewardship and providing service to others is an important component of student life at the school. The drive is a way for the young people to meet a critical need in the Council Bluffs community.

Moran said the drive is designed to be a contest to see which class can bring in the most items. As an incentive for the students, collection levels have been established ranging from 500 to 10,000 cans. Different faculty and staff members have agreed to be the targets of a whipped cream pie throw if the students reach those goals.

Students who bring in at least 10 cans will have their names put in a drawing to be the one from their grade to throw the pie at the faculty.

The cans will be presented during the offertory of the Saint Albert Feast Day Mass at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 20, and then will be donated to several local food pantries. The pie throwing will take place after the Mass at approximately 11:30 a.m.

"This canned food drive is a practical way to raise awareness about the plight of the less fortunate in our community," Moran said. "It's a way for our students to give back and appreciate the many gifts they have at home and school."

Saint Albert Schools is the only Catholic grade school and K-12 system in the State of Iowa or Nebraska that is both state and regionally accredited. Committed to the teachings of the Catholic Church, the mission of Saint Albert Schools is to foster spiritual, moral, physical and intellectual growth for all students.