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Catholic youth assembly helps San Francisco

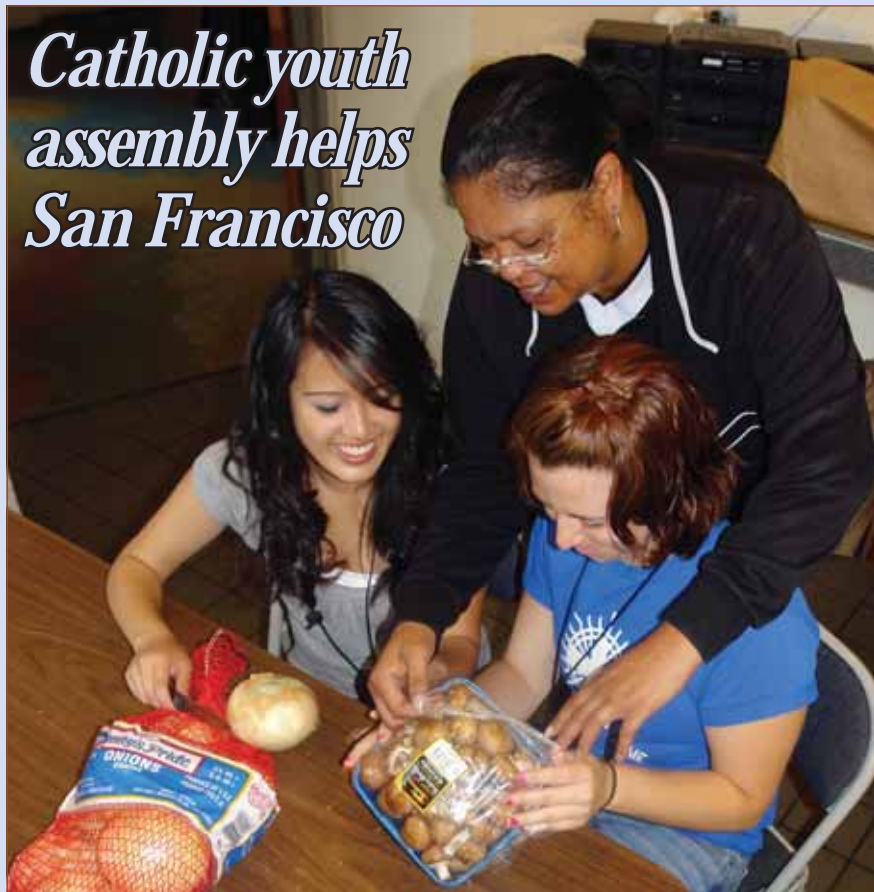


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Lasallian Youth Assembly members pitched in at the Lima Center of St. Dominic Parish, San Francisco, on June 24. Above, Lima Center Volunteer Joyce Sonier gives high school students Antoinette Santos (left) of Milwaukee, Ore. and Julie Cozzetto of Yakima, Wash. pointers on prepping onions and mushrooms destined for the day's Italian sausage spaghetti lunch. The students were among 85 from western states to volunteer at several San Francisco outreach organizations. SEE MORE BELOW.

Lasallian Youth Assembly gives week of help, energy

Several Catholic ministries are among San Francisco organizations helping those in need to have benefited from the volunteer energy and enthusiasm of 85 members of the Lasallian Youth Assembly this week.

Overseen by two dozen collegiate mentors and adults, the high school students from the western U.S. based themselves at the University of San Francisco but fanned out during the day in teams to entities including Mission Dolores School, DeMarillac Academy, Catholic Youth Organization, and St. Dominic Parish's Lima Center.

Among other service venues were Alemany Farm, the San Francisco Food Bank, Project Open Hand, Meals on Wheels, Hamilton Family Shelter, and San Francisco AIDS Walk, the Salvation Army, and Hospitality House.

When not doing hands-on work around the City, the attendees prayed, listened to speakers, held discussions and recreated.

The group was welcomed at the outset by Jesuit Father Stephen Privett, USF president.

The event is sponsored by the western province of the De La Salle Christian Brothers.

Lima Center at St. Dominic Parish provides breakfast for those in need four days per week, lunch on Tuesdays, showers and laundry, rest and respite. For more information on the center, contact Dominican Sister Anne Bertain at annebop@stdominics.org. Volunteers are welcome.

Coordinator of the Lasallian Youth Assembly week is Marilyn Paquette of the provincial office. "This is the ninth Lasallian Youth Assembly and the first one to be held in San Francisco," she said.



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Before heading off to their duties, Lasallian Youth Assembly members helping at St. Dominic Parish's Lima Center pose with its director, Dominican Sister Anne Bertain (third from left). From left: Julie Cozzetto, Yakima, Wash.; Ben Beering, Concord; Antoinette Santos, Milwaukee, Ore.; Nick Vielhauer, Denver, Colo., and Chris Swain, a teacher at Justin-Siena High School, Napa.