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Peace's Poverty and Hunger Task Force Volunteers at St. Blase Supper Kitchen

Members of Queen of Peace High School's Poverty and Hunger Task Force visited the supper kitchen at St. Blase Parish in Summit on Sept. 23. Along with Poverty and Hunger Task Force moderators Judy Zitlow and Kristine Owens, Peace's young women served 109 meals to guests of the supper kitchen, which is part of Catholic Charities and run by the Albertine Sisters.

The following eight students volunteered at the supper kitchen: Yesenia Arteaga, Savanna Caballero, Anastacia Favela, Rachel Jackson, Meagan Juggan, Vivian Ortiz, Marlene Sandoval and Violeta Valencia.

"Volunteering at the St. Blase soup kitchen is one of the best service experiences I have had over the past four years," senior Vivian Ortiz said. "I had the opportunity to interact with people who I may never have had the chance to meet."

Ortiz said working at the supper kitchen allowed her to understand the meaning of community. Peace is dedicating the 2009-10 school year to the Dominican value of Community.

"As a community, the students of Queen of Peace and parishioners of St. Blase worked together to provide for those who were in need," Ortiz said.

Peace's Poverty and Hunger Task Force is dedicated to planning school-wide activities to raise awareness of poverty and hunger issues, as well as reaching out to other schools regarding national and local justice issues.

"Working at the soup kitchen helped me realize what I need to appreciate in my life," sophomore Anastacia Favela said.

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Cutline: Members of Queen of Peace High School's Poverty and Hunger Task Force pose for a picture after volunteering Sept. 23 at the supper kitchen at St. Blase Parish in Summit, where they served more than 100 meals.

