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Archbishop Lucas returning to spend Thanksgiving holiday with homeless

Leader of the archdiocese will serve and dine with shelter guests

November 21, 2011 (OMAHA, NE) – Archbishop George Lucas is returning to the Stephen Center to spend the Thanksgiving holiday with Omaha’s homeless men, women and children.

Archbishop Lucas served and dined with Stephen Center guests last Thanksgiving. His visit had a profound effect on the shelter’s homeless population.

“Archbishop Lucas is coming back by popular demand,” said Del Bomberger, chief executive officer of the Stephen Center. “He brought joy and hope to the homeless last year. We are honored to have him back as our guest.”

The Stephen Center has served the homeless in Omaha since 1984. It is the only “dry” emergency shelter in Omaha, focusing on assisting those who have made a commitment to overcome drugs and alcohol. The Stephen Center operates three distinct programs: Stephen Center Emergency Shelter, Stephen Center HERO Program, and Stephen Center Transitional Living Program.

Archbishop Lucas is expected to arrive at the south Omaha shelter at 11:30 a.m. He will prepare and serve dinner to shelter residents before sitting down to dine with them at 12:30.

Contact: Deacon Timothy F. McNeil, Chancellor, 402-558-3100
What: Archbishop George Lucas Thanksgiving with the homeless
When: Thursday, November 24, 11:30 a.m. Dinner served at 12:30 p.m.
Where: Stephen Center
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universities, 56 elementary schools, 17 high schools and a parish-based religious education program within its boundaries, Catholic education enriches the lives of some 58,000 young people. The Archdiocese of Omaha is one of the largest private social service providers in the region. Catholic Charities and the Family Life Office lead a network that ministers to the broadest and most fundamental needs of our community. Generous support to the Annual Appeal is symbolic of the collective faith that allows the Archdiocese of Omaha to continue the mission of Jesus Christ. www.archomaha.org