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34 MILLION AND COUNTING

WHILE MAYOR'S PREPARE REPORT ON HOMELESSNESS, ST. ANTHONY'S PREPARES 34TH MILLION MEAL

SAN FRANCISCO, CA December 10, 2007 As the United States Conference of Mayor's are preparing to release next week's 2007 Hunger and Homelessness Survey, St. Anthony Foundation is preparing to serve its 34th millionth meal in San Francisco's Tenderloin District.

"Reports such as the mayor's can give broader context to how far reaching the problem of poverty and homelessness is, but the proof is in the pudding- we are serving 25% more meals than we were serving 5 years ago ." noted Executive Director Fr. John Hardin of St. Anthony Foundation.

St. Anthony Dining Room serves an average of over 2,600 meals each day, and in December will mark the 34th million meal served since it was founded in 1950 by Franciscan Friar Alfred Boeddeker.

For 57 years St. Anthony Foundation has provided free, life sustaining support for the poor and homeless. St. Anthony Foundation's programs help heal individuals and families by providing a gateway to solutions to poverty, including a Dining Room which serves 2600 meals every day, an Employment Program/ Learning Center, Drug and Alcohol Recovery Programs, a transitional home for homeless women, and a Free Medical Clinic. St. Anthony Foundation does not accept any federal, state, or local government money, and is entirely funded by private donations.

Place:	St. Anthony Dining Room 45 Jones Street (near Golden Gate)	
Date:	Tuesday, December 11, 2007	
Time:	10:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Blessing by Fr. John Hardin, OFM Serving of the 34th Millionth Meal