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Volunteers Needed for Candlelight Vigil Planned To Honor Victims of Sept. 11 Tragedies

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- An all-night candlelight vigil is planned for Sept. 10-11 in Mission Plaza in downtown San Luis Obispo as a tribute to the victims of last year's Sept. 11 tragedies in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania.

A short ceremony with music, prayers and poems will mark the beginning of the vigil at 7 p.m. on Sept. 10. Throughout the night, the names of those who lost their lives will be read aloud. In addition, the names of American servicemen and servicewomen and of Afghan civilians lost in the subsequent U.S. bombing campaign will also be read.

Event organizers are looking for volunteers to sign up for one-hour slots for the continuous reading of the names. Volunteers can contact Sister Mary Pat White at the Newman Catholic Center at 543-4105 or by e-mail at mpatwhite@slonewman.org.

The vigil will end at 7 a.m. Sept. 11, following a closing ceremony to begin at 6:30 a.m. The closing ceremony will begin with the sounding of a gong to introduce a minute of silence to commemorate the moment when the first plane hit the World Trade Center.

The public is invited to be present for any length of time during the nighttime vigil. Those attending are asked to bring candles.

The event is being organized by The September 11 Commemoration Organizing Committee and is sponsored by The Ministerial Association of SLO, Cal Poly's Progressive Student Alliance, the Newman Catholic Center, The Catholic Worker and The Central Coast Peace and Environment Council.

For more information, contact Sister White.

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