

Students spin community web at high school retreat

By Rob Cullivan
Staff writer

WEBSTER — For Stacey Leone, God and community mean more when they come with strings attached.

Leone, a member of the youth group at Holy Trinity Parish, attended an Emmaus retreat from Thursday, March 23, to Saturday, March 25, at the Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua. Emmaus retreats are designed for high school seniors who have attended Teen Seminar, a diocesan-sponsored retreat for 11th- and 12th-graders.

Leone, a senior at Webster High School, particularly enjoyed one exercise in which participants sat at tables and threw strings of yarn to each other. By the end of the exercise, the participants were all connected by a multi-colored sea of yarn. They then made their way into the retreat house chapel where they placed the string on a crucifix.

The exercise symbolized how people are connected to each other in a community. Leone said the exercise showed her, "once you've got a community, it's hard to pull it apart."

Leone is connected to several communities — her youth group, her family and her family's parish of Corpus Christi in Rochester. These connections help her to keep her faith alive. But unless Catholic students in the public school system actively seek connections with the church, she commented, they have little encour-

agement to strengthen their Catholicism. Referring to the effect of her public school environment on her faith, she said, "I personally don't think it has any effect on me because of the friends I have, (but) it may be more difficult for a once-a-week church-goer."

To help Catholic students in the public schools feel connected to the church, Leone suggested an annual gathering of public school students from throughout the diocese that would be modeled on the annual Bishop's Day with Youth, which this year is scheduled for Sunday, April 9, at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center.

Leone also advocates allowing public school students a period of silent reflection each morning, so that they are allowed to strengthen their faith through private prayer.

One retreat-goer, R. J. Sherman, a senior at Newfield Central High School, thinks that the Catholic Church offers enough opportunities for public school students. But Sherman also believes that retreats such as Emmaus could use more publicity. "I would have never learned about the retreat except through my youth group," Sherman said, commenting that parishes such as Immaculate Conception in Ithaca, of which he is a member, should advertise youth retreats.

Like Leone, Sherman depends on close friends who are Catholic to help him bolster his faith. He attends Mass on Sundays



Students at the Emmaus Retreat create a web of yarn symbolizing their community at the Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua.

with his peers, and has met many other young Catholics while attending four diocesan-sponsored retreats.

The Emmaus retreat broadened his sense

of community, Sherman said, pointing to the yarn exercise as a useful illustration of "everybody working together to hold a community together."

Notre Dame, Elmira

Are the homeless treated fairly?

MICKEY KOZEMKO, freshman:

I feel that there is either an inadequate money supply, or if there is adequate money, it is being distributed wrong. The reason I feel this way is because there is still a problem concerning the homeless as being portrayed by the media most evenings on the evening news.



RENUKA DESHMUKH, senior:

I know that there are things being done for homeless people and I appreciate that. However, there are many homeless people that are not helped because there is not enough aid to go around. I think more should be done because everyone should be treated fairly.



Bite The Large

ONE

MR. SHOES PIZZA
THE SERIOUS PIZZA PEOPLE

LARGE COMBO • FREE DELIVERY

Large Pizza with Cheese and Pepperoni
Large Order of Wings - 16 Pieces
One Liter of Coke (No Substitutions)

All For **\$12.99** C.C.

MEDIUM COMBO • FREE DELIVERY

Medium Pizza with Cheese and Pepperoni
Small Order of Wings (10 p.c.)
One Liter of Coke (No Substitutions)

All For **\$9.99** C.C.

Good at all six locations:

East Rochester 326 West Commercial St. 381-1522	Todd Mart Plaza Wilton Rd. South 272-0430	Westmar Plaza Buffalo & Pisley Rds. 247-3850	4850 Dewey Ave. Near the Parkway 621-7620	Irondequoit 4364 Culver Rd. Near 580 Interchange 323-1700	Roch/Panfield 418 Empire Blvd. Near 580 Interchange 288-6760
--	--	---	--	--	---

Logos "When It's Feelings That Count"

book store THE STREET OF SHOPPES
1600 Ridge Road West (716)633-5085

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION GIFTS FOR 1989
Traditional and Contemporary

D-B Boy's Kit

D-W Girl's Kit

- Veils, Head Bands, gloves and purses
- Ties and Arm Bands
- Rosaries, Books, Communion Sets
- Statues, Plaques, Crucifixes
- Invitations, Greeting Cards, Decorations, Napkins, Plates, Cups, Cake Toppers
- Gifts, Pendants, Religious Crosses and Medals

HOUSE OF GUITARS

Most New Album And Tape Releases Just \$5.98
CD's From \$8.98 - \$11.98 Each

We received 12 correct entries identifying Eric Clapton as the guitarist that formed the group Derek and the Dominoes.

The winner was Jon Schwartz of St. Pius the Tenth.

MUSIC TRIVIA

This week's question:

Who recorded the 1969 #1 song: "Suspicious Minds?"

A: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____

School: _____

Rules:

Each week, the Catholic Courier, in conjunction with the House of Guitars will feature a Music Trivia contest. All you have to do to enter is answer the question, fill in your name and address and the school you attend (if applicable), cut out the coupon and send it in to the Catholic Courier. If more than one correct entry is received, a drawing will be held and one winning entry will be drawn.

If yours is the winning entry, you will be mailed a coupon for a free album or tape of your choice redeemable at the House of Guitars, 645 Titus Ave.

All entries must be received within seven days of this paper's issue date. winning names and answers will be printed the week following each drawing.

The Catholic Courier
Music Trivia
1150 Buffalo Rd.
Rochester, NY 14624

Joseph Shale INC.

Country Club Plaza
East Rochester
(716) 385-6530

ADC 5000 Drawknob

Does Your Church Need A New Organ or Piano?

We recommend the Allen Digital Computer Organ. No unification of stops, no periodic tuning. Consoles, specifications, and casework custom designed for your church at reasonable costs.

Outstanding pipe organ sound unaffected by today's lower heat requirements.

Complete Selection of Pianos & Organs for Home, Church, and School

Fine Pianos and Organs by
Allen, Steinway, Sohmer,
Everett, Yamaha and others.

Joseph Shale Inc.
Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.