

Honeoye youth group uses 'canny' ideas for projects

To make something new, the teens in the youth group at St. Mary's Parish in Honeoye need something old.

They are collecting returnable bottles and cans to raise funding for the activities of their fledgling youth group, which began in October. Money raised will build the group's treasury for proposed trips, parties and retreats, according to Father Michael Hogan, pastor.

The group was created to provide "a place to go for teens," explained Paul Masci, 15, a sophomore at Honeoye High School.

Masci had been involved in a similar youth group in Fairport and suggested the idea of starting one at St. Mary's to Father Hogan, who made the group's first major activity a Halloween party and hayride in October.

Before the youth group started, "We just came to church, and there was nothing else for us," said Cathy Engle, 18, a senior at Honeoye High School.

"We wanted to give teens a chance and say, 'The church is interested in you,'" Father Hogan explained. Several of the

teens have returned that interest by becoming involved in the parish's ministry efforts. Father Hogan said he hopes more teens will become involved with parish programs as a result of their involvement with the youth group.

One of the best parts about the group's meetings, according to Lyn Protta, is the absence of adult pressure. "It's more open; church is so formal, and youth group isn't," said Protta, 16, a junior at Honeoye. "You're able to express your own opinions."

The group's openness lets teens learn about each other, Engle said. "It's a good place to have a forum."

With the proceeds from returning 304 bottles and cans — \$15.20, to be exact — the St. Mary's youths plan to have a pizza party at their next meeting. Further proceeds from the drive and from a baked food sale scheduled for next weekend will buy materials the teens will use to make gifts for prisoners at the Sonyea Correctional Institution, Father Hogan said.

— Sean McNamara



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McQuaid and Mercy high schools present "The Frogs," by Aristophanes.

Aquinas retains drama title in countywide play festival

Students from three diocesan high schools tested their dramatic skills against those from other area schools in the second-annual Monroe County One-Act Play

Festival at Aquinas Institute last Saturday.

Aquinas Institute, the defending city champion of the drama competition, retained the title with its presentation of "Present Tense" by John McNamara. Kenneth Marentette of Aquinas was named best actor, and Amy Brien was awarded second-best actress for their performances in "Present Tense." Rebecca McIntyre won best actress for her portrayal of Sister Mary in West Irondequoit High School's production of "Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All for You," which received the honor of second-best production. Students also competed for best supporting actor and actress.

McQuaid Jesuit and Mercy high schools collaborated to present an adaptation of Aristophanes' "The Frogs," which starred John Hall, Dave Holmes, Chris Regan and Mike Schlacter.

Allendale Columbia presented John Synge's "Riders to the Sea;" Brockport High School performed an adaptation of William Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors;" and Hilton High School performed "Drive-In." West Irondequoit High School also presented "The Boar" by Anton Chekov.

Approximately 185 spectators attended the weather-delayed performances, half of which were originally scheduled for Friday, Feb. 2.

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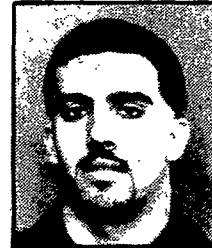
Chris Regan portrays Xanthias in Bob Smyth's updated version of a Greek classic, "The Frogs."

DeSales High School

Who would you consider heroic?

STEVE CANNULI, senior:

Jerry Lewis, because he runs the Muscular Dystrophy Association telethon and earns over \$30 million a year. He has done it for over 30 years.



AS TEENS SEE IT

HEATHER HINKLE, sophomore:

My mom because of her spiritual following of God, and my father because of his determination.



BILL MORGAN, junior:

My hero in life is Dr. Seuss. He was both an instructor and a true poet. Few people have both his creative genius and artistic talent.



SHARON ROSE, freshman:

My heroes are Michael Jordan and Derrick Coleman for the great way they play basketball.



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