

Parish taps valued resource with young employees

AUBURN — When Alyce Messina goes to work, she also goes to church.

Messina, a high school sophomore, is one of many diocesan teens whose after-school job is working at a parish rather than the local supermarket or fast food restaurant.

On weekends she helps set up for Mass, answer phones and finalize arrangements for lectors and altar servers at Sacred Heart Church in Auburn.

"Working at a church kind of gives me more to look forward to than working in a grocery store. I can't use any of that stuff when I get older," Messina said. "I think I'm kind of like an assistant secretary. It's like an apprenticeship."

She added that the skills she has learned working in the rectory will be valuable to her in college.

Unlike teens who work at traditional part-time jobs, Messina deals with the public on a regular basis.

"At first it was hard (being the only teen working at the parish), but it has gotten better," Messina said. "It's better because you get the experience of working with older people. I'm treated as a peer, not as just a teen."

Dorothy Carbonaro, the parish secretary at Sacred Heart, said she enjoys having teens work at the parish. Since she came to Sacred Heart nine years ago, Carbonaro has worked with four teens — including

Messina.

"I think of them, really, as contemporaries. We're all just friends here," Carbonaro said.

Messina said she appreciates being treated as an adult. "Sometimes, they will ask me, 'Well how shall we do this?' They ask my opinion on stuff." Carbonaro recommends that other parishes look to their youth to fill some positions.

"Our youth are, a lot of the time, an untapped resource," she said. "They are an active and vital part of our parish. Other parishes should follow suit in tapping that source."

— Sean McNamara



Babette G. Augustin/Staff photographer
In addition to general office work at Auburn's Sacred Heart Parish, Alyce Messina helps prepare for Mass, schedule eucharistic ministers and lectors, and hand out bulletins. Messina is one of four teens who have worked at the parish recently.

McQuaid Jesuit High School

Should teenagers work at after-school jobs?

Chris Faulhaber, senior:

Yes, as long as it is not too big of a job. You definitely need money, first of all, and it also helps you start organizing your time. It does not cut into your study time, but you have to work it out. You have to balance work with studies.



Jason Henderson, senior:

I think working is valuable after school, but only in the capacity that it taught me that I don't want to work after school. I learned that my time should be spent on athletics and studying and that the money would come as a fruit of these efforts.



Mike Gaenzler, senior:

Yes, because where I work, at a service desk, gives me experience in working with people. I'm hopefully going to get into business. Also, being a teenager in the 1990s, money is a big plus, and besides, making extra money after school helps for college.



Peter McCarthy, senior:

The reasons I work after school are money for college — I need to pay for part of my education; spending money for going out on the weekends and I work as a salesman, and I might be interested in the future as being a salesman. It's a valuable job experience.



AS TEENS SEE IT

Joe Guisto, senior:

Yes, I think it's valuable to work, but from my experience of working now, I see that it takes a lot of time out of your day. You are really tired and you don't have as much time for things like homework and especially on weekends, when you want to go out with your friends and you are stuck working.



Keith Gibbs, senior:

Yes, it's quite valuable. All students want money for extras. They also get a sense of what it is like outside of school. It does cut into study time, but you have to work it out. You have to learn to balance your work with your studies.



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Lappé is co-founder of the Institute for Food and Development Policy in San Francisco. She is also the author of *Diet for a Small Planet*, in which she addresses ways individuals can work to solve world hunger.

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