

Music leads Dryden student to understand liturgy



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Staff writer

DRYDEN — It seems that whenever Rebecca Hammond learns that someone needs help, she can't resist lending a hand.

"I was just brought up that way," said the senior, who attends Dryden Junior-Senior High School. "I'm just accustomed to doing that."

Parishioners at Holy Cross Church have grown accustomed to hearing and seeing Rebecca participating in numerous church activities. Barbara Ivers, the parish's choir director and religious-education coordinator, noted that Rebecca has been singing with the choir since she was in elementary school.

"She's been a very active person in the church since she was very little," Ivers said. "She's just basically all around a helpful person. When new people come into it (the choir), especially the younger kids, she's warm and accepting."

Rebecca said she has always enjoyed music, and at times, prefers the weightier messages of religious songs to the lighter appeal of popular tunes. Whether singing, or playing the flute at Mass, the young soprano feels that music of any kind heightens the liturgical experience.

"I think (music) helps you to understand the Mass more," she said. "I think it helps you get into it rather than just sitting there."

"Just sitting there" is a phrase seemingly absent from Rebecca's vocabulary. Last year, for example, after hearing a Tompkins County official speak to her government class

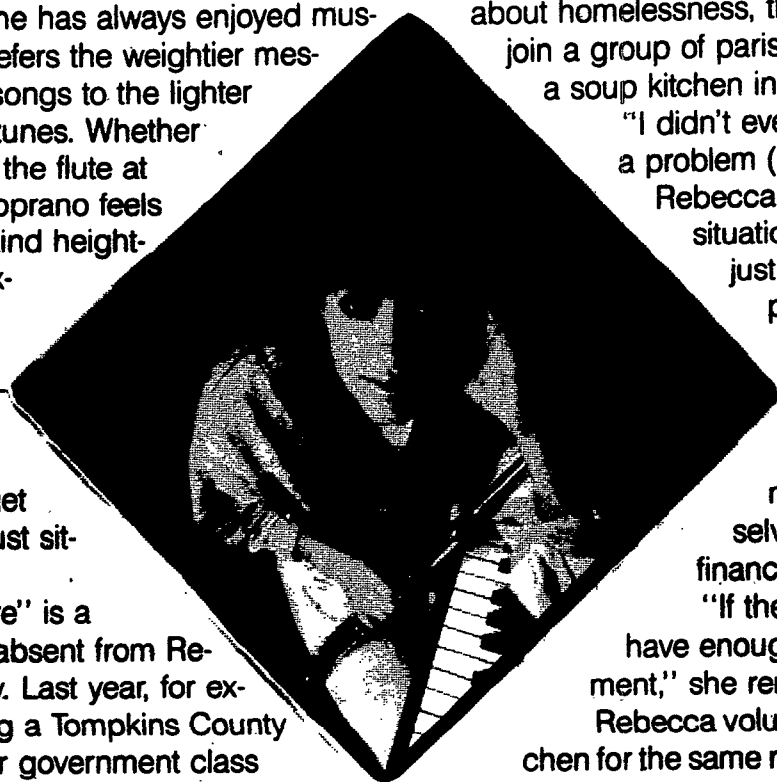
about homelessness, the senior decided to join a group of parish volunteers to work at a soup kitchen in Ithaca.

"I didn't even know there was such a problem (in Tompkins County)," Rebecca said of the homeless situation in her area. "They're just regular people. Some people might think they're lepers."

Rebecca added that many homeless people she has met want to help themselves, but are trapped financially.

"If they have a job, they don't have enough money for an apartment," she remarked.

Rebecca volunteers at the soup kitchen for the same reasons she chooses most activities, "I wanted to help."



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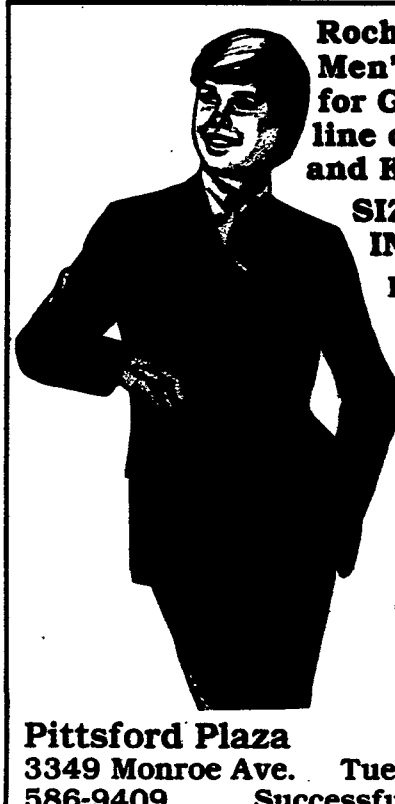
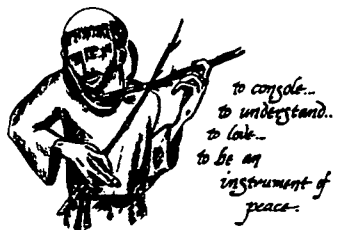
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