

Taking risks doesn't faze Elmira youth

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ELMIRA — "I don't like to stand back and watch things happen. I like to help them along a little bit," remarked Cindy Charles, a senior at Elmira Free Academy.

That conviction led Cindy to become a eucharistic minister at her parish, Our Lady of Lourdes in Elmira. "You get to be involved in what happens," she said of her service to the parish.

Raised as a Methodist, Cindy converted to Catholicism several years ago. Today she shares her beliefs with parish confirmation classes, according to Sister Lucille Lenhard, director of religious education at Our Lady of Lourdes.

"She's willing to take risks," Sister Lenhard said. "She's not afraid to share her faith. She really shows leadership qualities."

Noting that few high school kids turn out for Mass every Sunday, Sister Lenhard described Cindy as an active member of Our Lady of Lourdes.

To relax, Cindy turns to art. She has taken several art courses at school, and enjoys sitting down with her charcoal pencils or pastel chalks to draw subjects ranging from portraits to landscapes. "It's a lot of different things," Cindy said of her art. "It kind of depends on what mood I'm in."

An active member of her school's Students Against Drunk Driving chapter and her parish youth group, Cindy also recently participated in a recent performance of the living Stations of the Cross.

Cindy plans to attend Corring Community College in the fall.



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