

McQuaid senior keeps busy around the town

By Mike Latona
Staff writer

BRIGHTON — He lives on the northeast side of Rochester, is actively involved at a west side parish, performs volunteer work on the southeast side and attends high school in Brighton.

Talk about covering all the bases.

Only 17 years old, Sidney Cherubin has already gotten to know the City of Rochester inside and out. A senior at McQuaid Jesuit High School, Cherubin has become accustomed to traveling across town from his Northland Drive home ever since his parents, Fritz and Vivianne, became parishioners at Ss. Peter and Paul Church, 720 W. Main St., in 1982.

"It was the feast of Ss. Peter and Paul, and we looked to see if there was a church by that name that was having a celebration," Sidney recalled. "The people there were nice."

The Cherubins have gone to church there ever since. Sidney became an altar server at Ss. Peter and Paul's at the age of 11, and has seen that vocation grow into a family affair. Currently, all of Cherubin's siblings are altar servers as well: brothers Jude, 20, and Sonny, 16; and sister Farrah, 13.

Also helping out with altar serving duties are two cousins from Brooklyn who are staying with the Cherubins for the school year: Steven and Jennie Pellissier, ages 12 and 10, respectively.

Sidney, who coordinates the altar server schedules, humorously admits that he tries to avoid scheduling family members for the same Masses.

"We don't like serving with each

other because we start arguing all the time and poking each other," he quipped.

Cherubin is also very busy with school activities. In addition to carrying an 89.7 average at McQuaid, he's a member of both the National Honor Society and the school's yearbook staff. He also works six hours a week answering the school switchboard.

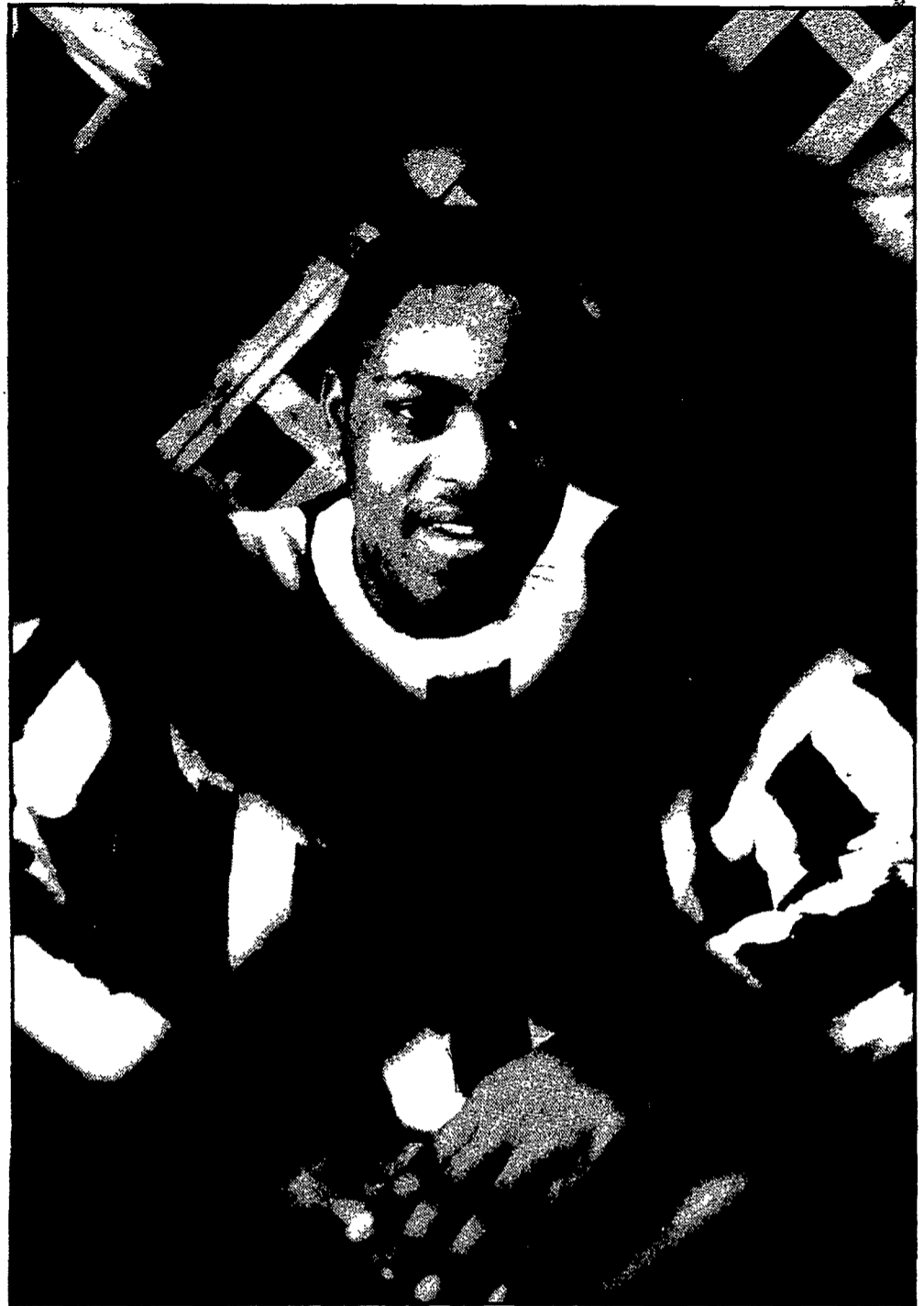
His most extensive duties are spent with the McNair-King Society, a club for minorities attending McQuaid. "The juniors and seniors help out the freshmen and sophomores, tutoring them if they need it and talking about issues that go on here," Cherubin said. "It's like a Big Brother-Little Brother program."

He and other McNair-King Society members also journey to Blessed Sacrament Church, 534 Oxford St., to provide occasional tutoring for children in grades K-2.

Cherubin does manage to find time for a social life, but doesn't think having a girlfriend would be a very good idea right now.

"I'd be dead if I did," he smiled. "Practically all the girls I know, know each other. If I was going out with one of them and the others found out, they'd get mad and start saying things."

Cherubin, who plans to attend Alfred University next year and eventually go to law school, feels strongly about more serious matters such as "racism and the question of affirmative action and quotas, which I based my college essay on. I don't think anyone should get into college just because of the color of their skin."



Babette G. Augustin/Photo editor
McQuaid senior Sidney Cherubin sits on the stairs leading up to his room. Cherubin plans to attend Alfred University in the fall.

Annual magazine drive runs through Feb. 13 at Nazareth Academy

ROCHESTER — The annual magazine drive at Nazareth Academy, 1001 Lake Ave., will continue until Thursday, Feb. 13.

Students and faculty are selling magazines, tapes and CDs to parents, friends and alumni.

In addition, the school will host a health fair on Friday, March 6, from 8:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Organizations scheduled to participate include the American Cancer Society, American Red Cross, Drug and Alcohol Council, Women's Health

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Aquinas Institute requests donations for garage sale

ROCHESTER — The Parents' Association at Aquinas Institute is seeking donations for its annual garage sale, scheduled for May 2-3. The sale will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Aquinas gym, 1127 Dewey Ave.

The school is seeking contributions of clothing, furniture, books, records, jewelry and appliances. Those wishing to donate may contact Libby Stanton, 716/247-0009, or Barbara Ann Homick, 716/647-2990.

St. Michael's in Newark schedules 1992-93 registration

NEWARK — St. Michael's School, 320 S. Main St., has scheduled registration for the 1992-93 year at the end of this month.

Registration will take place Thursday, Feb. 27, from 7 to 9 p.m.; Friday,

Feb. 28, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, Feb. 29, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Parents with questions about St. Michael's may call 315/331-2297 to arrange for interviews or school tours.



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