



Amanda Prouty, who attended St. Joachim's youth lock-in with her older sister Angela on June 19, ponders what to put on her hot dog.



Willie Rideout (left) and Ryan Mckee relax in the back of St. Joachim's Parish Center by playing Gameboy. The two youths attended the youth lock-in in Canisteo from Saturday afternoon until Sunday morning.

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Lock-ins are emerging as 'in' activity

By Mike Latona
Staff writer

CANISTEO — The term can be misleading. Young people attending "lock-ins" generally don't show up kicking and screaming, begging somebody to let them go free.

Rather, these could stand as the most enjoyable imprisonments that many diocesan youths will ever experience.

Several parishes throughout the Diocese of Rochester have sponsored the popular overnight events in recent months. A typical lock-in is held at a parish center or hall beginning on a weekend evening and lasting into the next morning, often with a Mass serving as the final activity.

Lock-in agendas generally include recreational fare such as movies and games. During a lock-in hosted by Canisteo's St. Joachim Church this past Saturday and Sunday, June 19-20, outdoor sports blended in with a barbecue and an appearance by an Italian-ice maker.

"We got to have lots of Italian ice. Strawberry was everybody's favorite," reported 12-year-old Angela Neu, a parishioner at St. Joachim, 32 W. Main St.

Neu attended the event with several friends, as well as family members who served as chaperons for the inaugural event. The lock-in, open to children in grades 5-11, also included parishioners from St. Joachim's sister parish of St. Mary's Church, located on

Church Street in Rexville.

Educational, and sometimes sobering, themes often accompany the fun activities that lock-ins offer. For instance, a recent lock-in at the Church of St. Mary Our Mother, 816 Broad St. W., Horseheads, dealt with suicide.

Diocesan youth coordinator Michael Theisen reported that other lock-ins have explored such issues as relationships, hunger, and/or alcohol and drug addiction.

Last weekend's lock-in in Canisteo featured a session on teenage drinking. According to Bill Argay, who served as organizer for the St. Joachim lock-in, the drinking theme was chosen because that Steuben County village has recently experienced an outbreak of teenage alcohol abuse.

Neu and Argay noted that lock-ins, as a whole, might help deter this type of illicit activity since they help eliminate the boredom that today's youths — especially those from small-town settings — sometimes experience.

"There's not that many places to go and do things here," Neu remarked.

"The kids are looking for something to do. They're already asking when the next lock-in is," said Argay.

Theisen pointed out that lock-ins offer a slumber party's intrigue — while also providing adult organizers with an opportunity to capture young people's attention.

"Staying up all night is very attractive at that age," Theisen noted. "It's an easy draw, and then you can integrate more serious themes or a creative

liturgical service."

Although most lock-ins involve some amount of reflection, Theisen said they shouldn't be labeled as retreats.

"A retreat is more intense; a lock-in is more indirect and laid-back," he explained.

EDITORS' NOTE: A planning workshop on youth retreats and lock-ins will be offered Aug. 27-28, 1993, at the Rotary Sunshine Camp in Rush. Individuals and planning teams from diocesan parishes should contact Michael Theisen at 716/328-3210, ext. 279, or 1-800/388-7177, ext. 279, for registration details. The registration deadline is Aug. 6.

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