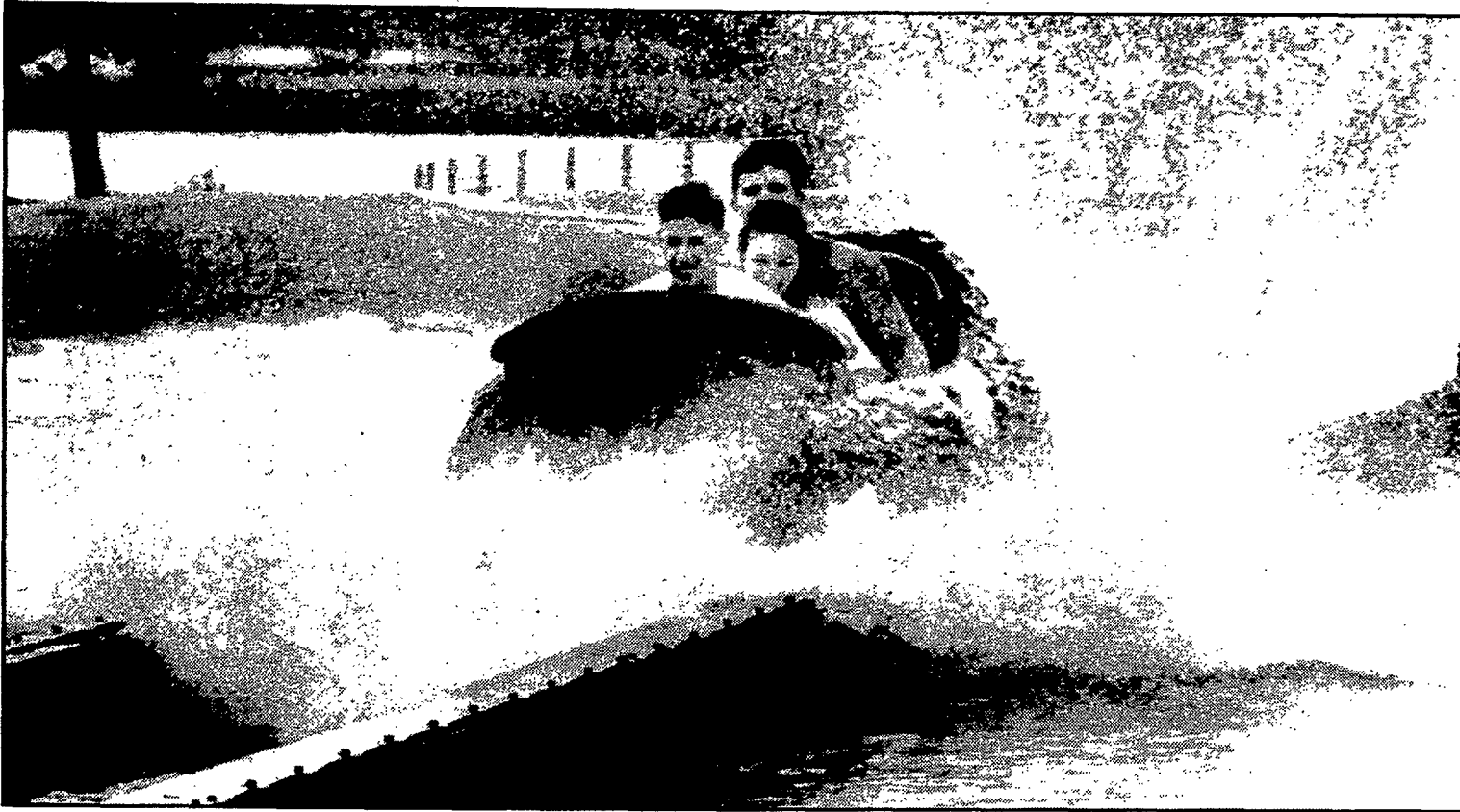


YOUTH FEATURE



Mike Vienna (front), Jessica Eddinger and Chris Romeiser, from St. Dominic's Church in Shortsville, make a big splash at the end of the 'Grizzly Run' ride. (Below right) The fearless riders return a little soggy but unscathed.

S. John Wilkin/Staff photographer



Dan Piccolo, a parishioner of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Brighton, hangs on tight as he makes a splash landing on one of Darien Lake Theme Park's water-slides.



Aspiring singers Christina Hurley and Matt Goodwin, from Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Brockport, make a demo tape in the Darien Lake 'Big Time Recording Studio.'

Splashing down at Darien

They came from near, they came from far; they came by bus, they came by car. Approximately 500 youths and adults flocked to Darien Lake Theme Park last Wednesday, July 13, for the annual diocesan Rochester Catholic Family Day. Participants traveled from the Finger Lakes and Southern Tier regions, as well as Monroe County, for a long day of fun in the sun.

EXTRA CREDIT



EDITORS' NOTE: This week marks the debut of a new feature, Extra Credit. It will run periodically on the Catholic Courier's youth page, highlighting the accomplishments of youths throughout the diocese. Readers are encouraged to send along notable achievements of young Catholics who attend both Catholic and public institutions, from elementary school through college. Please specify your school and home parish. Photographs (head-and-shoulders pictures only) are welcome. A similar feature will begin shortly on the Courier's sports page. Write to Mike Latona at the Catholic Courier, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, N.Y., 14624. Use of news items and photos is subject to editors' discretion.

● **Giancarlo Lachiusa Rondash**, who is entering eighth grade at McQuaid Jesuit High School, was recently recognized by the Center for the Advancement of Academically Talented Youth located at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md. In the verbal and mathematics section of the Scholastic Aptitude Test, Giancarlo scored higher than the average college-bound 12th-grade student.



● Three students from Catholic schools in Monroe County have been presented with Ron Robitaille Volunteer of the Year Service Awards by the YMCA of Greater Rochester. Among those honored were: **Emily Mason**, a student at Nazareth Hall Junior High School and member of the Maplewood Branch YMCA; **Liana Cruz**, a student at Siena Catholic School and member of the Monroe Branch; and **Ellen Kunrow**, a student at St. Helen's School and member of the Southwest Branch.

● **Cristie Snyder**, a sixth-grader-to-be at St. Joseph's School in Wayland, recently won the Western New York Volunteer Firemen's Fire Prevention Essay Contest.

● **Our Lady of Mercy High School's** science department has been awarded a \$1,000 grant by the American Nuclear Society's Ginna Plant branch. Mercy was one of 15 schools nominated.

● **The Mercy/McQuaid Players** recently won eight of 15 awards at the Western New York High School Theatre Festival. First-place honors went to Our Lady of Mercy's **Anne Payne** and McQuaid Jesuit's **Christian Zwahlen**.

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